

**Green Party of Quebec Resolution
Boycott, Disinvestment and Sanctions of Israel's
occupation of the Palestinian territories
Adopted by the Provincial Council - October 16th 2016**

WHEREAS the Fourth Geneva Convention requires its Parties to undertake to respect and to ensure respect for the Convention in all its circumstances;

WHEREAS Article 49 of the 4th Geneva Convention (12 August, 1949) prohibits an occupying power from transferring parts of its own civilian population to territory it occupies, and from forcibly transferring members of the occupied population into its own territory (both of these acts constituting “grave breaches” of the Convention);

WHEREAS Global Affairs Canada states that “The Fourth Geneva Convention applies in the occupied territories and establishes Israel's obligations as an occupying power” < [http://www.international.gc.ca/name-anmo/peace_process-processus_paix/ca... >](http://www.international.gc.ca/name-anmo/peace_process-processus_paix/ca...);

WHEREAS Articles 1 and 2 of the 4th Geneva Convention state that “High Contracting Parties undertake to respect and to ensure respect for the present Convention in all its circumstances,” and “shall remain bound by it in their mutual relations,”;

WHEREAS the International Court of Justice has ruled that Israel’s settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) violate international law;

WHEREAS the Canadian government “does not recognize permanent Israeli control over territories occupied in 1967 (the Golan Heights, the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip)” < [http://www.international.gc.ca/name-anmo/peace_process-processus_paix/ca... >](http://www.international.gc.ca/name-anmo/peace_process-processus_paix/ca...);

WHEREAS the Canadian government recognizes that Israel’s settlements in the OPT “constitute a serious obstacle to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace” < [http://www.international.gc.ca/name-anmo/peace_process-processus_paix/ca... >](http://www.international.gc.ca/name-anmo/peace_process-processus_paix/ca...);

WHEREAS seventeen EU countries have issued warnings to their nationals that individuals or companies who do business with illegal Israel settlements could face legal, financial and reputational risks < [https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20140704-17-eu-countries-warn-against-... >](https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20140704-17-eu-countries-warn-against-...);

WHEREAS in spite of the above, the Canadian government maintains a close relationship with Israel, under the terms of the 2008 Canada-Israel Public Security Agreement, Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement and 2014 Canada-Israel Strategic Partnership;

WHEREAS Canada has been a Party to the first four Geneva Conventions since 1965;

WHEREAS the International Court of Justice has ruled that Israel’s settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) violate the Fourth Geneva Convention;

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WHEREAS the G14-P22 declares that the Green Party of Canada “fully condemn [sic] all illegal Israeli settlement expansions in the [OPT] as undeniable obstacles to the Israel – Palestinian peace-process”;

WHEREAS Israel has continued, since the adoption of G14-P22, to expand its settlements and to demolish Palestinian homes and other civilian infrastructure in the OPT;

WHEREAS it is within the scope of action of elected governments and political parties to impose and/or endorse sanctions and related economic measures in support of human rights and global peace and security objectives;

WHEREAS Canada voted in favour of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

WHEREAS the Universal Declaration of Human Rights stipulates, among other things, that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights” and “are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood,” and further stipulates that “everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.”.

WHEREAS Israel has continued, since the adoption of G14-P22, to expand its settlements and to demolish Palestinian homes and other infrastructure in the OPT;

WHEREAS Canada and other nations have previously succeeded in ensuring respect for human rights through the use of economic and political sanctions, including in the case of South Africa.

WHEREAS it is within the scope of action of elected governments and political parties to impose sanctions and related economic measures in support of human rights and global peace and security objectives.

Operative

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parti vert du Québec hereby acknowledges the legitimacy of the international Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions (BDS) movement, and affirms its belief that Canadians have the right to endorse, support or engage in BDS-related activities without censure or sanction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parti vert du Québec (PVQ) shall advocate the following measures in the Assemble Nationale, and calls upon the Canadian government to:

a. Ban the importation into Canada of products produced – in whole or part – within or by Israel’s settlements beyond the 1949 Armistice Line (Green Line), outside of Israel’s internationally



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recognized borders, or by Israel's businesses operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT), or in cooperation with Israel's occupation;

b. Revise the Canada-Israel Free Trade Agreement (CIFTA) in such ways and clauses as to explicitly exclude from the agreement products produced wholly or in part within or by illegal Israel settlements, or by Israel businesses operating within the OPT;

And, strengthen CIFTA compliance/audit provisions in such ways and clauses as to ensure that imported products labeled "Made in Israel" are actually produced, entirely and exclusively, within Israel's internationally recognized borders;

c. Suspend all military/security technology development, trade and cooperation arrangements with Israel until such time as Israel's occupation has ceased;

d. Develop/publish a publicly-accessible database of Canadian corporations and other private Canadian entities currently investing in, doing business with or otherwise supporting Israel's illegal occupation of lands beyond the Green Line;

e. Issue an advisory to the above Canadian corporations and private Canadian entities that their support for Israel's illegal occupation exposes themselves to potential future legal action;

f. Repeal the House of Commons resolution condemning the BDS movement (Vote # 14, 42nd Parliament, 1st Session; 22 February, 2016.

g. It is noted that the boycott of Israel's companies does not extend to the boycott of Israel companies in the fields of medicine, clean technology, and computer software. The Green Party of Quebec supports and promotes the global success of Israel's green technology companies.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parti vert du Québec hereby endorses and expresses support for the following two objectives of the Movement for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (the "BDS Movement"): (1) the full equality of Palestinian-Israelis; and (2) the end of Israel's occupation and colonization of the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and the dismantling of Israel's separation Apartheid wall;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parti vert du Québec hereby endorses and expresses support for the application of the strategy of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) to:

(1) organs of the state of Israel, and such corporations based in or outside of Israel, that are engaged in and complicit in the violation of Palestinians' human rights, and

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(2) sporting, cultural and academic institutions in Israel or the OPT that are complicit in the violation of Palestinian rights; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PVQ will support such a form of BDS until such time as Israel implements a permanent ban on further settlement construction in the OPT, and enters into good faith negotiations with representatives of the Palestinian people for the purpose of establishing a viable, contiguous and truly independent Palestinian state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing herein shall be interpreted to constitute an endorsement or encouragement of the use of violence by any person or entity.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parti vert du Québec opposes all forms of racism and discrimination of all and every kind, not allowing any Antisemitic and Judaeophobic connotations, stereotyping or misrepresentations in the party programme and affirmations or amongst the PVQ membership.

The values and principles of the Parti vert du Québec include social justice, non-violence, respect for diversity and participatory direct democracy. The State of Israel routinely subjects innocent Palestinians to violence, discriminates against Palestinians on the basis of their ethnicity, and effectively disenfranchises Palestinians by imposing on them a military regime that disregards and suppresses their democratic will. BDS is a non-violent form of ensuring Israel's respect for Palestinian human rights. After decades of Israel State and settler-colonial aggression, BDS is now the only viable path to Palestinian auto-determination. Therefore, the values of the PVQ militate strongly in favour of the adoption of this resolution.