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Ships to Gaza: an unjustifiable crime

The attack by the Israeli army on the ships convoy that attempted to break the blockade on Gaza led to the death of 15 activists and numerous wounded. Absolutely nothing can justify such violence towards activists and parliamentarians who were bringing first aid help to the Palestinian population of Gaza.

After Israel attacked the Gaza Strip in December 2009, after they imposed an unacceptable blockade on the population, the Israel authorities show again the same contempt towards human life.

We first want to pay tribute to the victims who lost their lives and to the persons wounded as they wanted to express a humanitarian solidarity to the imprisoned people of Gaza.

We express our deep concern for the people that are still detained in Israel, above all as the Israeli authorities censored any information regarding what happened. We demand their immediate release, the return of the boarded ships as well as their cargo.

We ask for the setting up of an International inquiry committee under the UN authority.

We call on the French government and on the EU to require the Israeli authorities the immediate end of the blockade, to sanction them unless they do so and finally to support efforts to end the Israeli authorities impunity.

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- **Confédération générale du Travail (Trade union)**
 - **Fédération Syndicale Unitaire (Trade union)**
 - **French NGO's Platform for Palestine**

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