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Human rights and international law for all: No to impunity for Israeli policy in Palestine!

The Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories - which began over 40 years ago, the continuous expansion of illegal settlements in the Occupied Territories in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, and the latest embargo on Gaza that began in 2007 and has continued following the military attack that killed 1,400 Palestinians, must all come to an end.

All of the above actions are part of a policy that continuously violates international law, and benefits from an unjustified and unjustifiable impunity. All human rights are being denied: from economic and social ones to civil and political ones. The Wall/Fence, that will reach a length of 750 km., the 600 check-points and military blocks, and exclusion from the use of many roads - reserved only for Israelis - not only limit Palestinians' freedom of movement, access to jobs and communication, but also herald a new system of apartheid (racial segregation).

'The Russell Tribunal on Palestine', regarding "Europe's responsibilities" (Barcelona, March 2010), demands that the EU and each of its Member States "impose the necessary sanctions on Israel through diplomatic, commercial and cultural measures, in order to put an end to the impunity".

The Goldstone Report, commissioned by the UN and also acknowledged by a vote taken by the European Parliament requests that the impunity of Israeli policy should be ended, as it provides evidence of war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated by IDF during the attack against Gaza.

Based on these considerations, the XXV National Fiom Congress, while expressing its full solidarity with the Palestinian popular committees for non violent resistance against the Wall, against occupation and colonisation, and with all actions taken in this direction by Israeli pacifist movements, believes that it is essential to forge a new and stronger stage of solidarity with the Palestinian people and to put an end to Israeli impunity, through:

- pressure on the Italian government to take action by suspending trade agreements (as well as at a European level) which contain privileged conditions for Israel;
- the revocation of the Italy-Israel agreement for technological and military cooperation;
- all possible actions within the framework of the international BDS Campaign (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) launched by Palestinian associations, including trade unions, defining appropriately effective forms and objectives;
- sending delegations to Palestine and Israel, to promote direct knowledge of the situation, and support and strengthen friendship and solidarity links with Palestinian and Israeli non violent resistance and peace movements.