

## **ITF vote for Gaza action**

15 June 2010

The ITF's Executive Board has voted for even stronger action in support of Palestinian workers and against the blockade of Gaza.

The resolution (available below) was moved by Mukthar Hili, ITF Executive Board Member from Tunisia. It was passed by the executive board - made up of 40 elected representatives from ITF-affiliated unions, and the general secretary - at a meeting in London last week.

The motion thanked the ITF for its quick response to the assault on the Gaza-bound flotilla and asked it to:

- Maintain support to the Palestinian transport workers in Gaza and the West Bank
- Go beyond letters of protest and lobby with the full weight of the organisation against the occupation and lead a campaign to remove the blockade of Gaza
- Ensure that a resolution is submitted to the ITF Congress dealing with these issue

Following the Executive Board decision Israel's Histadrut trade union centre adopted a new statement that describes the blockade of Gaza as "unsustainable, from the economic, political and humanitarian perspective" and that it "therefore supports the lifting of the restrictions in the shortest possible time frame, in conditions of real movement to achieving the two-state solution. This can only be achieved on the basis of guarantees for Israel's security including the inspection of cargoes."

<http://www.itfglobal.org/news-online/index.cfm/newsdetail/4608?frmSessionLanguage=ENG>

The Histadrut statement is available below.

### ***Histadrut Statement on Gaza-10.6.10***

Histadrut is committed to the existence of two sovereign, independent and democratic states existing in peace and mutual respect. The partial blockade of Gaza was put in place by Israel in response to attacks by Hamas and others on people in Israel. Histadrut recognises the impacts that this has had on the people of Gaza, and reaffirms its commitment to humanitarian assistance to improve the situation in Gaza.

The current situation is unsustainable, from the economic, political and humanitarian perspective. Histadrut therefore supports the lifting of the restrictions in the shortest possible time frame, in conditions of real movement to achieving the two-state solution. This can only be achieved on the basis of guarantees for Israel's security including the inspection of cargoes, and the good will and commitment of all the parties, including the international community, to alleviate the suffering of all those affected and to bring economic progress to Gaza in parallel with genuine moves for fully-fledged democracy and peace.

[http://www.histadrut.org.il/index.php?page\\_id=1836](http://www.histadrut.org.il/index.php?page_id=1836).