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## ***Vote Palestine 2024: PSC questions for candidates and political parties***

This General Election has been called at a moment when Palestinians are confronting the darkest moment in their struggle for liberation. Over 37,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip have been killed in what the International Court of Justice (ICJ) has accepted as a plausible case of genocide. The prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) is seeking arrest warrants for Israel's Prime Minister and Defence Minister alongside Hamas leaders, for crimes against humanity, with the charges against Israeli leaders including using starvation as a weapon of war. The UN and aid agencies are warning that over 1 million Palestinians are facing catastrophic hunger, with a full-blown famine already present in the North of Gaza.

This current genocide is built on the foundations of decades of violations of Palestinian rights by Israel in which successive British governments have been complicit. These realities have made the issue of justice for Palestinians a core electoral issue for constituents across Britain. Palestinians have the inalienable right to self-determination, the right to return to their homes, and to be free from discriminatory laws and racial domination. Any suggestion that, alone among peoples facing oppression around the world, Palestinians should be singled out and denied the right to appeal to people of conscience for support is wrong and must be rejected. The following statement and six supplementary questions are put to all parliamentary candidates as a set of concrete actions to commit to if elected.

### **General statement**

An incoming parliament and government should support the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, including the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes as repeatedly affirmed by the UN General Assembly and Security Council. It should fully support an immediate ceasefire to end what the ICJ has accepted as a plausible case of genocide, oppose Israel's imposition of what has been defined by Palestinian civil society, alongside numerous human rights monitoring bodies including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and B'Tselem, as a system of apartheid, and support the full and consistent implementation of international law including the prosecution of those responsible for war crimes.

Do you agree and what will you do if elected to support these goals?

Response: **[Max 150 words]**



In light of the above, do you commit to the following if elected as an MP?

1. To publicly demand and actively work to ensure an immediate, complete, and permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

**Yes/No**

2. To stand up for the rights and dignity of Palestinian refugees by supporting the immediate and full restoration of UK funding to UNRWA and ensuring it can fulfil its mandate.

**Yes/No**

3. To support a comprehensive two-way embargo on the trade in weapons, components, and military technology with Israel to ensure that Britain and its citizens are not complicit in aiding and abetting crimes including genocide.

**Yes/No**

4. To support moves by the ICJ and ICC to hold Israel to account for breaches of International Humanitarian Law and the outcomes of those processes including by insisting that Britain must uphold any arrest warrants issued by the ICC.

**Yes/No**

5. To support the suspension of the 2030 Road Map for UK-Israel bilateral relations and negotiations towards an enhanced trade agreement in response to grave violations on international law, and the immediate imposition of a ban on trade with illegal Israeli settlements.

**Yes/No**

6. To uphold the freedom to advocate for Palestinian rights through the democratic process and in academic, cultural and educational spaces including by defending the right to protest and opposing any attempt to prevent public bodies from divesting or choosing not to procure from companies shown to be complicit in Israel's violations of international law.

**Yes/No**