

RESOLUTION REGARDING U.S. MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL

- WHEREAS the U.S. Arms Export Control Act limits the use of U.S. military aid to "internal security" and "legitimate self-defense" and prohibits its use against civilians.
- WHEREAS the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act provides that "no security assistance may be provided to any country the government of which engages in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights."
- WHEREAS according to the Amnesty International Report 2005, "Certain abuses committed by the Israeli army constituted crimes against humanity and war crimes, including unlawful killings; extensive and wanton destruction of property; obstruction of medical assistance and targeting of medical personnel; torture; and the use of Palestinians as 'human shields'"
- WHEREAS according to the Amnesty International Report 2007, "Israeli forces committed serious violations of international human rights and humanitarian law, including war crimes."
- WHEREAS according to the Israeli human rights organization B'Tselem, between September 2000 and December 2007, Israeli security forces have killed at least 2,202 Palestinians not taking part in the hostilities, among them 756 minors.
- WHEREAS the International Court of Justice ruled in 2004 that countries cannot "render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created" by Israel's construction of an illegal Wall in the occupied Palestinian West Bank.
- WHEREAS Israel is in violation of up to thirty-two United Nations Security Council resolutions, more than any country in the world.
- WHEREAS Israel will receive over \$2.2 billion in military aid from the United States in 2008, more than any country in the world.
- WHEREAS U.S. military aid to Israel fuels anti-U.S. sentiment,

- **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED our government should suspend military aid to Israel while Israel is in violation of international law.**

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