

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

The Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of the Social and Solidarity Economy RIPESS, composed of organisations, entities, groups and networks from all continents, stands for solidarity and against all violence against the Palestinian people, as well as against all wars and armed conflicts.

While shocked by the violence against Israeli people on 7 October, even if this did not happen in a historical vacuum, we are particularly opposed to the violence affecting Palestinian civilians, which as of today, 6 November, has killed 10,022 people, according to the Gaza Ministry of Health. Of these, 4,104 are children. Meanwhile, the Israeli army claims to have completely surrounded Gaza City and is expected to enter in the next few hours. Gaza City is home to 40.6 percent of the Palestinian population, or 2.26 million out of 5.48 million inhabitants, according to 2023 data. Four out of ten inhabitants are under the age of 15, and half of the population are women. The number of wounded has risen to 21,000. The Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has reported that 64 of its staff have been killed by Israeli shelling, and other international NGOs have also reported deaths.

We call for the respect of the international treaties of the Geneva Convention and support the UN Secretary General's call for a ceasefire and the delivery of humanitarian aid, which is currently grossly insufficient and covers less than 3% of Gaza's daily food and water needs.

We condemn all acts of war and the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza territories, as stipulated in the UN resolutions declaring their occupation illegal. We consider that the Palestinian people have the right to exist and to remain on their ancestral land: the international community must guarantee the right of peoples to self-determination.

We condemn the position of Western countries, in particular the United States, not demanding compliance with UN resolutions is reprehensible and hypocritical. If another country refused to comply with a UN resolution, condemnation would be severe. The historical grievances of the Nakba must be recognised, as well as the territorial rights of the Palestinian people, who have suffered a colonial policy for almost a century and have been under siege for 17 years, resulting in 65% of the Palestinian people living in Gaza in absolute vulnerability. Together we declare: Enough is enough! Not one more death!



In the medium term, we must work on the root causes of the problem, and cooperate for peace and dialogue on human rights, the right to live in solidarity, democracy, equality and mutual respect, regardless of race, religion or gender. Otherwise, there will never be lasting peace.

In the short term, **our appeal is also to the Israeli people** to demand that their leaders put an end to this genocide and fully recognise the human rights of the Palestinian people. We join the UN Secretary General in his urgent call for a ceasefire and respect for all international conventions for the protection of civilians.

STOP THE GENOCIDE! STOP THE OCCUPATION! CEASEFIRE!