

Gaza's carnage is a painful reminder of the massacres perpetrated by the Zionist terrorist gangs against the Palestinian people six decades ago. Since its inception the Jewish state unleashed a chain of economic intimidation, mass destruction, massacres, and forcible removal of Palestinians from their homes and lands perpetrated according to pre-meditated plans by the Zionist leadership in fulfilment of their strategic objective of the creation of a pure national Jewish state. UN resolutions, peace plans and agreements to achieve a two-state solution have not succeeded and have been met with oral acceptance by Israeli ^{as} consecutive ^{Israeli} leaderships while ~~simultaneously~~ ^{have been} working against them. It is a long-standing policy which prompted wars with neighbouring Arab countries, the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the Syrian Golan and turmoil that continue to plague Palestine and the whole region.

The absence of a common and firm position towards Israel's grave international law breaches combined with the policy of lending it unconditional support encourage it to continue and intensify its violations. The number of Palestinian civilians killed renders the Israeli claims of combating militants null and void. Urgent international intervention is required to end murder and provide protection to the Palestinian civil population.

It is an irony that Israel which has been banking on the holocaust is immersing occupied Gaza into an inferno. The image of Palestinian children shocked by the sight of their killed friends and relatives implants the seeds of hatred and revenge. This is not the way to win the hearts and minds of current and future generations. It is unwise, foolish in the extreme and criminal.

We urge you to adopt the draft resolution under consideration by consensus.