



WILPF Resolution on the Middle East

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), meeting at the Quadrennial Congress in San José, Costa Rica in August 2011,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Middle East, passed every year since 1989, which affirm the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people including the right to self-determination, the right of return, and the right to establish an independent state of Palestine at the pre-1967 borders and call for the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions 242, 252, 338, 465, 1322 and UN General Assembly resolution 194,

Continuing to strongly support the international Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel and condemning the prosecution of the Israelis who support the campaign,

Emphasizing that any effort to seek diplomatic recognition for a Palestinian state must not undermine or detract from efforts to establish such a state or to achieve true equality for Palestinians and that diplomatic recognition must not be used as a mechanism for the continuation of the status quo,

Expressing concern that recognition of a Palestinian state that is still under Israeli occupation might do nothing to change the conditions or restore the rights of millions of Palestinians,

1. *Demands* the immediate cessation of Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine;
2. *Demands* that the submission of a resolution in September 2011 to the United Nations calling for the recognition of an independent sovereign state of Palestine based on the 4 June 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, not undermine Palestinian's pursuit of real liberation and self-determination; and
3. *Condemns* the illegal blockade of Gaza and calls on Israel and the international community to uphold international law and to facilitate the passage of humanitarian assistance.