

End Complicity With Israeli Genocide and Imperialist Wars

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WHEREAS, the billionaire class that profits from war ensures that public money is funneled into militarism rather than the healthcare, housing and education working people need; and

WHEREAS, Israel's genocide in Gaza has killed at least 70,000 Palestinians (and as many as 600,000 or more¹), overwhelmingly working-class people, using U.S. funding and weapons; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. has also launched recent military strikes against Iran, Nigeria, Somalia, and Yemen killing thousands of working class people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Palestinian trade union movement has called² on workers across the world to stand in solidarity by refusing all forms of complicity, including the production, transport, and financing of weapons used in the genocide; and

WHEREAS, workers in Belgium, France³, Greece⁴, Morocco⁵, Spain⁶, Italy⁷, Sweden⁸, and beyond have already honored this call by refusing to handle weapons and Israeli-bound cargo, demonstrating the unique power of the working class to halt the machinery of genocide; and

WHEREAS, UAW members in weapons research and manufacturing hold strategic power over military production and must be protected when using it to stop genocide; and

¹<https://independentaustralia.net/life/life-display/gaza-death-toll-far-worse-than-reported-in-western-media,20034>

²<https://progressive.international/wire/2023-10-16-an-urgent-call-from-palestinian-trade-unions-end-all-complicity-stop-arming-israel/en>

³<https://en.yagency.net/353522>

⁴<https://www.reuters.com/world/greek-piraeus-port-dockers-block-ammunition-cargo-destined-israel-2024-10-18/>

⁵<https://www.newarab.com/news/morocco-port-workers-block-maersks-arms-shipment-israel>

⁶<https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/latest-news/ports-shipping-weapons-to-israel-blocked-by-dockworkers-and-protestors-from-barcelona-to-oakland/>

⁷<https://www.labornotes.org/2025/10/millions-italians-join-general-strike-gaza>

⁸<https://hamn.nu/swedish-dockworkers-union-gives-notice-of-blockade-of-military-equipment-to-and-from-israel/>

WHEREAS, in 1973, rank-and-file UAW members struck⁹ against the UAW's Israel Bonds;

WHEREAS, the UAW reportedly holds at least \$400,000 in Israel Bonds, contradicting our commitments to peace and working-class solidarity; and

WHEREAS, organizations that promote racial, ethnic, or religious supremacy—such as the Histadrut¹⁰, Israel's so-called labor federation—undermine global worker unity by furthering settler colonialism, apartheid, dispossession, and genocide; and

WHEREAS, an Injury to Palestine Is an Injury to All; and

WHEREAS, UAW members in weapons research and manufacturing hold strategic power over military production and must be protected and organized to hold job actions that could enable an arms embargo.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Article 7, Section 2 shall be amended by adding: "No UAW funds shall be invested in Israel Bonds"; and

Be it further resolved that Article 50 shall be amended by adding a new section: "Members who take job action that interrupts the research or manufacture of weapons destined for Israel or imperialist warzones shall receive financial assistance from the UAW as needed for the duration of such action and any retaliatory termination, layoff or disciplinary time off"; and

Be it further resolved Article 23 shall be amended by adding a new section: "The UAW will not endorse political candidates who support weapons for Israel, or are otherwise complicit in Israeli genocide" or who support imperialist wars or regime change; and

Be it further resolved that Article 2, Section 6(a) shall be amended by adding: "The UAW will not be complicit with any organization that promotes any form of supremacy, such as the Histadrut."

⁹<https://jacobin.com/2020/08/palestine-strike-wildcat-uaw>

¹⁰ <https://laborforpalestine.net/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/TUFP-The-Histadrut-RI-16.6.11.pdf>

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