

**FBU Motion adopted by TUC Congress 2009**  
**Motion was amended with final paragraph by UCU.**

Congress condemns the Government of Israel's January offensive in Gaza resulting in 1,450 Palestinian deaths and 5,000 injured, and massive destruction of infrastructure.

Congress further condemns the ongoing blockade which is in contravention of International Law.

Congress calls on the General Council to continue building solidarity with the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions.

Congress calls on the General Council to:

- i. Use its influence with the British Government to make appropriate representations to the international community to secure support for a negotiated settlement based on justice for the Palestinians
- ii. Build solidarity with the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions

Congress condemns the Histadrut statement of 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in which it backed the attacks on Gaza and calls on the General Council to carry out a review of the TUC's relationship with Histadrut.

Congress calls on the General Council to pressure the Government to:

- a) Condemn the Israeli military aggression and end the blockade on Gaza
- b) End all arms trading with Israel
- c) Impose a ban on the importing of goods produced in the illegal settlements in the Occupied Territories
- d) Support moves to suspend the EU-Israel Association Agreement.

Congress further calls on the General Council to encourage affiliation to the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and to develop an effective Boycott, Disinvestment and Sanctions campaign by working closely with the PSC to:

- 1) raise greater awareness on the issues
- 2) promote a targeted consumer-led boycott
- 3) encourage trade unionists to boycott Israeli goods, especially agricultural products that have been produced in the illegal settlements.
- 4) encourage campaigns of disinvestment from companies associated with the occupation.

Congress asserts that in undertaking these actions each affiliate will operate within its own aims and objectives and within the law.