

## **Resolution To Stop and Dismantle the WALL**

Whereas, the Israel government is constructing a massive Wall in Palestinian territories its military occupies;

Whereas, the Wall will further cage Palestinians into densely populated Bantustan-like areas while Israel engages in a land grab and annexes more Palestinian territory to protect Israeli settlements;

Whereas, the Wall denies Palestinians their right to travel outside of their towns and villages has resulted in the expropriation of their water resources and agricultural lands and prevents them from accessing medical facilities, schools and their cultural and spiritual centers;

Whereas, the Wall will be approximately 280-400 miles long and its construction will affect over 65 Palestinian communities with a population of over 210,000;

Whereas, at least 10% of the West Bank will be expropriated by Israel in the construction of the Wall;

Whereas, the Wall will incorporate half of the settler population in the West Bank and East Jerusalem into the State of Israel;

Whereas, funds from U.S. loan guarantees are being used for the construction of the Wall and Public Law 108-11, The Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2003, unequivocally requires that the loan guarantees only by Israel to support activities in the geographic areas subject to the administration of the government of Israel prior to June 5, 1967;

Whereas, the Wall violates international humanitarian law that governs Israel's administration of the Palestinian territories it has occupied since 1967 as well the fundamental human rights of the Palestinians;

Whereas, the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, 22 USC sec. 2304, provides that "no security assistance may be provided to any country the government of which engages in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights;"

Whereas, Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provides that "everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person;"

Whereas, the UN General Assembly on October 22, 2003, reaffirming the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, and stressing the need to end the occupation and reiterating its call upon Israel, the occupying power, to fully and effectively respect the Fourth Geneva Convention and reiterating its opposition to settlement activities in the OT almost unanimously, with the exception of the US, Israel,

Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands, demanded that Israel STOP AND REVERSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WALL;

Whereas, the UN General Assembly resolution further requests the General Secretary to report on compliance with this resolution periodical with the first report to be submitted with one month and upon receipt of which further actions will be considered if necessary within the UN system;

**Be it Resolved that the National Lawyers Guild joins in the demand that Israel STOP AND ENTIRELY DISMANTLE THE WALL immediately;**

**Be it further Resolved that the National Lawyers Guild will call to the attention of members of the House and Senate both The Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act and the Foreign Assistance Act and demand the implementation of these laws by cutting the loan guarantees and ending US foreign assistance to Israel.**

**And, be it further Resolved that the National Lawyers Guild will file a complaint with the Office of Inspector General of the US State Department for failure to date to enforce these laws and publicize in the media this complaint and the resulting investigation, as required in the Office of Inspector General Act of 1978.**

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