

## **EXTRACT FROM THE AMWU NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – 22 JUNE, 2010**

### **6.3 Palestine – Israeli Military Attack on Gaza**

National Secretary Oliver reported further on the Palestinian issue.

MOTION: National Council notes the report.

National Council is of the view that peace can only begin to take root in the Middle East when the illegal Israeli occupation of the Palestinian Territories ends and a sovereign, independent Palestinian State is created under the auspices of international law and the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council.

Further, Council is of the view that the so called 'facts on the ground' represented by the continued expansion of illegal Israeli settlements present the most immediate obstacle to meaningful final settlement negotiations between the parties.

National Council supports the call for a Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign and believes that a boycott of products made in the illegal settlements is justified and is the kind of solidarity action that can send a message loud and clear to the Israeli government.

National Council further resolves that we pursue this issue within the labour movement, both at an international level and in Australia including the ACTU and the ALP.

The approach recommended on the BDS campaign question remains one aspect of the broad solidarity and support that should be rendered to the long suffering Palestinian people until a just and lasting peace is secured with a durable two state solution.

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