

**Motion Stop Work Meeting  
Victorian Branch of the Maritime Union of Australia  
19 April 2011**

The Victorian Branch of the Maritime Union of Australia calls upon the ACTU and the ALP to show genuine support for a two-state solution to the Israel/Palestine conflict based on each other's right to exist and live in peace within secure borders in accordance with UN resolutions and international law.

To achieve this ultimate goal, the Branch supports immediate steps such as;

- the implementation and upholding of International Law to ensure the human rights of all people are assured
- the upholding of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 and all other relevant resolutions that call for an end to the illegal Israeli occupation of the Palestinian West Bank and East Jerusalem
- a two state solution based on the internationally recognised 1967 borders
- an end to the illegal blockade on Gaza that greatly impacts on the health and lives of 1.5 million people, half of whom are children and twenty percent under the age of five
- an end to the demolition of Palestinian homes on their own land
- an end to the construction of illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land
- the dismantling of the illegal separation wall constructed in the Palestinian West Bank & East Jerusalem where it is built on Palestinian land
- an end to the permit regime and movement restrictions placed on approximately four million Palestinians that greatly impacts on the Palestinian economy and severely restricts Palestinian access to reasonable levels of employment
- an end to the oppressive workplace practices and work imposed on Palestinian workers in the illegal industrial zones
- a just resolution to the Palestinian refugee issue based on United Nations General Assembly Resolution 194 calling for the right of return for refugees or just compensation

The Victorian Branch of the Maritime Union of Australia condemns violence in all its forms, condemns racism including anti-Semitism and all forms of discrimination against individuals based on their race or religion.

Further, until such time as human rights, International Law and United Nations Security Council and General Assembly Resolutions are adhered to in order to bring about a just and viable two state solution as above we resolve to support:

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- non-violent resistance through the international Boycott Divestment and Sanctions Campaign against Israel to bring about an end to the illegal occupation
- a consumer boycott of Israeli goods
- a consumer boycott of all companies who assist or profit from the occupation
- a review of our union investments and divestment from Israeli companies
- research/investigations into union superannuation funds to identify investments held with Israeli companies and companies supporting the occupation with a view to pursue divestment of those companies (based on ethical grounds).

Moved: Kevin Bracken

Seconded: Danny Grant

Endorsed: Unanimously

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