

To all European Parliamentary Election Candidates

This questionnaire has been sent to you from a number of organisations which call for a just peace in Palestine and Israel.

Your answers and an analysis of them will be sent to the following groups for dissemination to their members and networks: Palestinian Solidarity Campaign, Stop the War Coalition, CND, Jews for Justice for Palestinians, Muslim Associations, War on Want, national Justice and Peace networks, Trade Unions, Women to Women for Peace, Friends of Sabeel, Pax Christi , Amos Trust, Christian Aid and British Universities.

Please answer the following questions, by ticking Yes or No and add comments if you feel the need at the end of the questionnaire or on a separate sheet.

1. Do you agree that:

- a. Britain and the EU as liberal democracies should always respect and adhere to international laws and human rights law Yes No
- b. Britain and the EU are bound by international law, which requires that the Geneva Conventions are upheld and applied consistently Yes No

2. Are you aware that under international law:

- a. Israel's occupation of the Palestinian Occupied Territories is illegal (UN Security Council Resolution 242 and others) Yes No
- b. Israeli settlements and the transfer of Israeli population into the Palestinian Occupied Territories are illegal. (1979 UN Security Council Resolutions 446 and numerous others, Hague Regulations, Article 49 of Fourth Geneva Convention, Ruling of the International Court of Justice 2004) Yes No
- c. The Separation Wall on Palestinian land is illegal. (ICJ 2004) Yes No

3. Do you agree that:

- a. The blockade of Gaza constitutes collective punishment and is therefore illegal Yes No
- b. The indiscriminate bombardment of Gaza was illegal as it contravenes the Geneva Conventions, as does the targeting of medics and hospitals, attacking civilians and wanton destruction of property (Fourth Geneva Convention 1949, the first additional protocol to the Geneva Convention of 1977, and the Hague Regulations of 1907 that regulate means and methods of warfare) Yes No
- c. Under the above conventions, the use of white phosphorous bombs and DIME in densely populated areas is illegal Yes No

4. If elected / re-elected, will you support the demand for an independent international inquiry on war crimes and crimes against humanity of which Israel stands accused by human rights NGOs since the December 2008-Jan 2009 war

Yes No

5. Do you recognise that:

- a. Britain and the EU are guilty of renegeing on their declared principles in disregarding UN Resolutions, Articles 2 (concerning shared values) and Article 83 (prohibiting importing settlement goods into the EU) of the Israel-EU Association Agreement, and Article 2 of the Barcelona Agreement (concerning respect for human rights). Yes No

- b. Britain and the EU are practising double standards in their Middle East policy by applying sanctions and/or war threats on some Arab or Muslim countries for violations of international laws and human rights laws, but giving favourable trading rights and selling arms and arms components to Israel Yes No

6. If elected / re-elected are you prepared to:

- a. Condemn the Israeli occupation and theft of Palestinian land, demolition of Palestinian homes, destruction of Palestinian farm land, the construction of the Separation Wall on Palestinian Land and the construction of Settlements and infrastructure for Jews only Yes No
- b. Condemn Israeli extra-judicial killings of Palestinians and the arbitrary detention of over 10,000 Palestinians in Israeli jails. Yes No
- c. Back those condemnations (until Israel complies with international laws) and human rights laws by calling for:
 - i) sanctions on Israel Yes No
 - ii) the suspension of the EU-Israel Trade Association Agreement Yes No
 - iii) the suspension of all arms trading, including arms components, with Israel Yes No
 - iv) An inquiry on discrimination against Palestinians living in Israel including Jerusalem Yes No
 - v) An inquiry into the situation of political prisoners and the lengthy arbitrary administrative detention of many of them including elected Parliamentarians. Yes No
- d. Request that from now on, every agreement between the EU and Israel clearly states: Yes No
 - i) that implementation will depend on observance of international law which will be monitored by a special human rights committee set up specifically for the purpose Yes No
 - ii) the refusal of any legitimisation of the settlements or any links with them and the demand for their dismantling

7. Do you agree that:

- a. Under international law, pre-emptive strikes are illegal? Yes No
- b. An Israeli attack on Iran would be illegal, will cause much further instability in the Middle East, is likely to increase international terrorism and is therefore not in the interest of Britain, the West and the wider world Yes No

8. Will you pledge to oppose an invasion of Iran? Yes No

Comments.....

Candidate's Name

Constituency.....