

Israel-Palestine October 2006

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1. Principles

The Australian Greens:

- 1.1 support the legitimate rights and aspirations of the Palestinian people to live in peace and security in their own independent, sovereign state
- 1.2 support the legitimate rights and aspirations of the Israeli people to live in peace and security in their own independent, sovereign state
- 1.3 recognise the ongoing injustice that has been done to the Palestinian people and aim to rectify that injustice in a way that will allow both Palestinians and Israelis to live in peace
- 1.4 oppose Israel's ongoing occupation of the Palestinian territories and the expropriation of Palestinian land and resources for its settlements
- 1.5 support negotiations to achieve the democratic aspirations of both peoples within an environment of mutual respect and equality
- 1.6 demand the protection of human rights in the Palestinian territories and Israel
- 1.7 reject violence and its promotion, particularly against civilians, whether perpetrated by a state, an organisation or individuals
- 1.8 oppose all forms of racism, religious or cultural intolerance and discrimination
- 1.9 call on all parties to comply with United Nations (UN) resolutions, international law, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Geneva Convention.

2. Goals

The Australian Greens will work for:

- 2.1 the removal of Israeli settlers and Israeli security and military forces from the Palestinian territories
- 2.2 the termination of the occupation of the Palestinian territories and the establishment of a secure and viable state of Palestine alongside Israel, based on 4 June 1967 boundaries with both states sharing Jerusalem as their capital
- 2.3 a just and practical negotiated settlement of the claims of the Palestinian refugees that provides compensation for those who are unable to return to their country of origin, Israel or Palestine
- 2.4 the right of each state to independently manage its own affairs, including foreign relations and economic development, without the dominance of one state over the other

2.5 the equitable allocation of shared resources, including water

2.6 the promotion of a culture of dialogue, harmony, peace and reconciliation between the peoples of Palestine and Israel, both in the Middle East and in Australia, fostered through educational, cultural and other institutions

2.7 full equality before the laws of each jurisdiction, for every citizen of that jurisdiction, irrespective of ethnic origin, religion or belief, race or gender.

3. Short Term Targets

3.1 The Australian Greens call for:

- the establishment of an international commission under the auspices of the UN to effect a settlement of the conflict, in accordance with the above principles and goals
- peace negotiations facilitated by the commission leading to a schedule for the implementation of all the goals sought in 2 above.

3.2 As preliminary steps to the achievement of the goals, the Australian Greens call for:

- the immediate end to all acts of violence against civilian populations, including state targeted assassinations and suicide bombings
- the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the Israeli military from all Palestinian cities, towns, refugee camps, surrounding areas and transport routes, allowing freedom of movement of Palestinians within the West Bank and Gaza
- the immediate freezing of all Israeli settlement activity in the occupied territories (including natural growth) and the simultaneous commencement of the repatriation of the Israeli settlers from the Palestinian territories
- an associated withdrawal of Israeli security and military forces from the areas evacuated by the settlers
- the immediate dismantling of the separation wall
- the deployment of an international peace keeping force endorsed by the commission to: monitor the implementation of the above preliminaries by the parties; ensure that civilian populations are not exposed to the risk of hostile attack; and provide assistance to re-establish infrastructure
- an immediate end to refusal of, or hindrance to, medical aid and an end to the destruction of infrastructure, agriculture and homes.

3.3 In addition to the above preliminary steps, the Australian Greens call for:

- full involvement of representatives of Palestinian and Israeli women's organisations in the peace negotiations, in line with the principles set out in UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security

- international support to establish a joint healing process, based upon the principles of a truth and reconciliation commission (similar to experiences in South Africa)
- UN endorsed measures, such as sanctions, as needed and in conformity with Australian Greens policies, to ensure compliance of the parties with the international commission
- Australian, international and Israeli assistance programs in the Palestinian territories which together are sufficient to repair and rebuild Palestinian infrastructure, institutions, agriculture and the environment
- an end to Australian taxation deductions for donations to states, institutions and organisations engaged in violation of human rights including settlement activity, and the harassment, shooting and killing of civilians.
- The Australian Greens extend their support, respect and recognition to Israelis, Palestinians and international peace workers in the area, who act or speak out for peace in the region and who promote non-violent action against the occupation of the Palestinian territories, often placing their own well-being at risk. We specifically recognise those Israeli soldiers who have refused to serve in the occupied territories.

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Given the continuing disregard by Israel of calls to halt settlement expansion in the occupied territories including East Jerusalem:

The Australian Greens:

1. Call upon the Australian government to halt military cooperation and military trade with Israel;
2. Reiterate our call for the immediate freezing of all Israeli settlement activity in the Palestinian Occupied Territories
3. Call for the removal of existing Israeli settlers and Israeli security and military forces from the Palestinian territories.
4. Continue to condemn the use of violence in the Middle East in all its forms
5. Reject violence and its promotion, particularly against civilians, whether perpetrated by a state, organisation or individuals
6. Support the promotion of a culture of justice, dialogue and peace between the peoples of Palestine and Israel.

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