

Motion 2 (BDS) GUSS GA March 22, 2017

WHEREAS Global Affairs Canada states that “The Fourth Geneva Convention applies in the occupied territories and establishes Israel's obligations as an occupying power”

WHEREAS the Israeli government has committed grave breaches of many articles of the Geneva Convention, specifically Article 49 of the 4th Geneva Convention (12 August, 1949) which prohibits an occupying power from transferring parts of its own civilian population to a territory it occupies, and from forcibly transferring members of the occupied population into its own.

WHEREAS Canada has been a Party to the first four Geneva Conventions since 1965.

WHEREAS the International Court of Justice has ruled that Israel's settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories violate international law.

WHEREAS seventeen EU countries have issued warnings to their nationals that individuals or companies who do business with illegal Israeli settlements could face legal, financial and reputational risks.

WHEREAS Israel has continued to expand its settlements and to demolish Palestinian homes and other infrastructure in the OPT ignoring the international violations.

WHEREAS it is within the scope of action of elected governments, political parties, organizations and student associations to impose sanctions and related economic measures in support of human rights and global peace and security objectives.

WHEREAS Canada voted in favour of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

WHEREAS the Universal Declaration of Human Rights stipulates, among other things, that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights” and “are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood,” and further stipulates that “everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.”

WHEREAS GUSS stands against Human Rights violations and condemns any sort of discrimination, and unfairness.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GUSS would fully condemn all illegal Israeli settlement expansions in the [OPT] as undeniable obstacles to the Israel Palestine peace-process.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GUSS hereby endorses and expresses support for the following three objectives of the Movement for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions “BDS Movement”:

1. The right of return of Palestinian refugees to their original lands from which they have been exiled.

2. The full equality of Arab-Palestinians residing in Israel.
3. The end of Israel's occupation and colonization of the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the Golan Heights, and the dismantling of Israel's separation wall.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GUSS hereby endorses and expresses support for the application of boycotts and sanctions to

1. Organs of the state of Israel and Israeli and non-Israeli corporations that are involved in the violation of Palestinians' human rights.
2. Israeli sporting, cultural and academic institutions that are complicit in the violation of Palestinian rights.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GUSS would cooperate in support of other clubs in Concordia University for BDS week, this includes the support of "Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights club, SPHR" and others.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GUSS would support external organizations in Montreal during their campaigns for BDS.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this support should not be interpreted as a forcible support to be provided by the association, it is dependent on its capacity.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GUSS will ensure as possible that the school will fully adopt the BDS mandate, this includes professors, and school directors and any other employees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GUSS will publicly announce its adoption of the BDS mandate (example of publicity; The Concordian, The Link, Facebook Page) and publicly add it to the website