

Press Release

The War Against Gaza

The Confederation of Trade Unions for Productive Forces (COSYFOP) wishes to inform the national and international public of its official position regarding the statement issued by the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) on October 20th , 2023 , regarding what has been referred to as the "call for a ceasefire between all parties in Gaza and Israel."

We strongly condemn the content of this statement, which portrays the atrocities committed today as a conflict between supposed equal parties, all the while ignoring the acts of genocide and crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Israeli army against the civilians of Gaza to this day.

We are deeply saddened and disappointed by the lack of response from the Arab trade unions, notably the Tunisian and Palestinian unions, which lead the Arab Trade Union Confederation - ARAB TUC, in the face of this shameful and biased statement in favor of Israel.

We also note the lack of initiative from Arab trade unions affiliated with the ITUC, including the General Union of Algerian Workers (UGTA), to take action to either withdraw this statement or, as a last resort, condemn it.

We remind them of the historical responsibility that rests on their shoulders, as their silence and inaction in the face of this statement are considered a green light given to Israel to continue its massacres against innocent civilians.

On the other hand, we warmly welcome the adoption of Resolution 32 at the 31st Congress of the Public Services International (PSI), which condemns the Israeli occupation and supports the Palestinian cause. This resolution was initiated by Turkish trade unions and received support from Arab trade unions affiliated with PSI. We consider this advancement a significant victory for the Palestinian cause, which faces significant challenges within international trade union organizations.

In conclusion, we wish to emphasize our complete commitment to collaborating with all international trade unions that demonstrate seriousness and determination in their support for the Palestinian people.

Palestine remains free and determined, eternal honor to our courageous martyrs.

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