

RESOLUTION
SUBMITTED TO THE 27TH CONVENTION OF THE
LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

September 20 – 23, 2026

RESOLUTION ON SOLIDARITY WITH
THE PALESTINIAN LABOUR MOVEMENT

Submitted pursuant to Article V, Section 13 of the International Union Constitution

WHEREAS the LIUNA International Union Constitution, in its Preamble, affirms the inalienable natural right of all workers to provide for their existence and that of their families; commits this Union, at Article II, Section 1(k), to “engage in legislative and other activities to promote, protect and advance the physical, economic and social welfare of the workers and all people” and, at Article II, Section 1(p), to “promote better understanding and improve the conditions of life of the laboring peoples of all countries”; and requires, in its Oath of Office, the steadfast pursuit of “justice, dignity, respect and equality for all working people”;

AND WHEREAS a landmark Advisory Opinion was issued by the International Court of Justice on July 19, 2024, concluding that Israel’s continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful and that all states are under an obligation not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by Israel’s illegal presence;ⁱ¹ the UN General Assembly, acting on the Advisory Opinion, adopted Resolution ES-10/24 on September 18, 2024, specifying that this obligation includes ceasing the provision or transfer of arms, munitions, and related equipment;ⁱⁱ²

AND WHEREAS LIUNA, as a proud affiliate of the AFL-CIO, affirms its commitment to act in furtherance of the AFL-CIO’s resolution adopted at its 30th Constitutional Convention in June 2026, which called for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza and a halt to arms transfers that may facilitate violations of international law;ⁱⁱⁱ³

AND WHEREAS LIUNA, as a proud affiliate of the Canadian Labour Congress, affirms its commitment to act in furtherance of the Canadian Labour Congress’s resolution adopted at its 31st Constitutional Convention in May 2026, which called for the Canadian government to support a two-way arms embargo on Israel;^{iv4}

AND WHEREAS the United Electrical Workers, United Auto Workers, Unifor and other unions in Canada and the United States have adopted resolutions in support of Palestinian workers and their rights;^{v5}

AND WHEREAS the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories found in March 2024 that there are “reasonable grounds to believe that the threshold indicating the commission of genocide has been met”;^{vi6} which was followed by reports from UNICEF in February 2026 that 71,803 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, including at least 21,289 children;^{vii7}

AND WHEREAS the International Labour Organization, in its 2025 Director-General’s Report to the 113th International Labour Conference, documented that Israel’s war on Gaza and the tightening of its occupation of the West Bank have resulted in a 98% contraction of Gaza’s construction sector, 69% unemployment, and the destruction of most workplaces and training institutions;^{viii8}

AND WHEREAS the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions has issued urgent and repeated appeals to trade unions throughout North America – including to LIUNA – calling for solidarity and for action to halt the destruction of Palestinian workers’ livelihoods, workplaces, and organizations;^{ix9} and responding to the call of a fellow workers’ organization in crisis is precisely the form of international solidarity that LIUNA’s own Constitution, at Article II, Section 1(p), requires;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the delegates assembled at the 27th Convention of the Laborers’ International Union of North America, that:

- 1. SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIAN WORKERS:** LIUNA extends its solidarity to the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions and to Palestinian workers, recognizing them as fellow working people endowed with the same inalienable rights this Union’s Constitution affirms for all laboring peoples – the right to organize, to bargain collectively, to work in safety, and to provide for their families. LIUNA commits to formally communicating this resolution to the PGFTU and to the ILO, and calls upon its Local Unions and District Councils to engage in ongoing worker education about the situation facing Palestinian workers and to respond to the appeals of the PGFTU as they would respond to the appeals of any labour federation representing workers in crisis.
- 2. AFFIRMATION OF AFL-CIO AND CLC POSITIONS:** LIUNA, acting in furtherance of resolutions adopted by the AFL-CIO at its 30th Constitutional Convention in June 2026 and by the Canadian Labour Congress at its 31st Constitutional Convention in May 2026 – federations to which LIUNA is affiliated – directs its General President and political apparatus to advocate to the governments of the United States and Canada for the adoption of a two-way arms embargo on Israel and full compliance with the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice dated July 19, 2024. LIUNA further directs all affiliated Local Unions and District Councils to publicly communicate this resolution to their membership and to participate in

coalition advocacy with the AFL-CIO and Canadian Labour Congress toward these ends.

- 3. ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING:** LIUNA directs the General President to appoint a working group to oversee implementation of this resolution, to maintain formal engagement with the PGFTU and the ILO regarding the situation of Palestinian workers, and to report to the General Executive Board and membership no less than annually. A full implementation report shall be presented to delegates at the 28th Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the delegates to the 27th Convention of the Laborers' International Union of North America, and shall be binding upon the General Executive Board, all officers, and all affiliated subordinate bodies in accordance with Article I, Section 2 and Article II, Section 2(d) of the International Union Constitution.

SUBMITTED BY

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Delegate Signature: _____

Date of Submission: August 7, 2026

ENDNOTES

ⁱ ICJ, Advisory Opinion on the Legal Consequences Arising from the Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, July 19, 2024, paras. 261–264 (unlawful presence), paras. 269–272 (Israel is under an obligation to cease all settlement activity and bring its unlawful presence to an end as rapidly as possible), para. 278 (all states are under an obligation not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the unlawful situation). Online: <http://www.un.org/unispal/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/186-20240719-adv-01-00-en.pdf>

ⁱⁱ UN General Assembly Resolution ES-10/24, adopted September 18, 2024 (124 votes in favour), operative para. 5(b). Online: <https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/n24/270/46/pdf/n2427046.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ AFL-CIO, “Resolution 9: We Want a Just and Peaceful World”, 30th Constitutional Convention, Minneapolis, June 2026. Online: <https://aflcio.org/resolutions/resolution-9-we-want-just-and-peaceful-world>

^{iv} Canadian Labour Congress, 31st Constitutional Convention, Winnipeg, May 2026. The adopted resolution called on the Canadian government to support a two-way arms embargo on Israel. The Convention also voted to cut institutional ties with the Histadrut, the Israeli labour federation. Reported by

Peace Brigades International-Canada, May 14, 2026. Online: <https://pbicanada.org/2026/05/14/pbi-canada-congratulates-the-canadian-labour-congress-on-resolution-supporting-a-two-way-arms-embargo/>

^v United Electrical Workers (UE), 79th National Convention, August 2025, Resolution "End the Genocide in Palestine," unanimously adopted, demanding that the U.S. government immediately cease all military aid to Israel (Online: <https://www.ueunion.org/ue-news/2025/ue-members-demand-end-to-genocide-in-palestine-reaffirm-support-for-medicare-for-all>); United Auto Workers (UAW), 39th Constitutional Convention, Detroit, June 18, 2026, amending UAW Constitution Art. 7, Sec. 2 to prohibit investment in sovereign bonds of states subject to international legal scrutiny (Online: <https://uaw.org/uaw-closes-out-39th-constitutional-convention-with-unified-vision-for-the-fights-ahead/>); Unifor, Constitutional Convention, Vancouver, August 2025, Resolution No. 14 "Support Palestinian Trade Unions and Palestinian Workers" Online: <https://convention.unifor.org/resolution>

^{vi} Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories Occupied since 1967, Anatomy of a Genocide, UN Doc. A/HRC/55/73, 25 March 2024, para. 7. Online: <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4060409>

^{vii} UNICEF, State of Palestine Humanitarian Situation Update, February 5, 2026, "Since 7 October 2023 until 3 February 2026, 71,803 Palestinians have been reported killed in the Gaza Strip, including at least 21,289 children. Additionally, 171,230 Palestinians were reported injured, including 44,500 children." Online: <https://www.unicef.org/sop/reports/unicef-state-palestine-humanitarian-situation-update>

^{viii} ILO, The Situation of Workers of the Occupied Arab Territories: Report of the Director-General – Appendix, 113th Session of the International Labour Conference, ILC.113/DG/APP, May 2025. Ch. 2, para. 28 (construction in Gaza contracted by 98%); Table 2.1, p. 18 (unemployment rate of 69.0 per cent, Q4 2024); Ch. 1, para. 13 (most workplaces and training institutions destroyed). Online: <https://www.ilo.org/sites/default/files/2025-05/ILC113%282025%29-DG-APP-%5BRO-BEIRUT-250402-001%5D-Web-EN.pdf>

^{ix} Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions (PGFTU-Gaza), Urgent May Day Call to Trade Unions and Labor Forces in the United States of America, April 28, 2026. Online: <https://laborforpalestine.net/2026/04/28/an-urgent-call-from-the-palestinian-general-federation-of-trade-unions-to-trade-unions-and-labor-forces-in-the-united-states-of-america-pgftu-gaza/>