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"Justice delayed is justice denied"

PWWSD welcomes The Human Rights Council's decision to form and send an international committee of investigation into the Gaza Killings, and the excessive use of force by the Israeli Occupation Forces. The resolution was supported by 29 members out of 47 states, with only 2 rejections from the United States and Australia.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki expressed his endorsement to the decision in a statement:

"The Human Rights Council's formation of an international committee of investigation is a step towards doing justice to the Palestinian people," He urged speedy implementation "to stop Israeli war crimes".¹

This decision came after more than 60 civilian Palestinians were gunned down and killed by Israeli occupation forces, while at a peaceful demonstration, commemorating 70 years since the 1948 Nakba, 'Catastrophe'. From the 30th of March, the start date of the 'Great March of Return', 106 Palestinians, including Children and paramedics were killed and 12,000 more were injured, many of them with live ammunition.

¹ Tom Miles, U.N. sets up human rights probe into Gaza Killings, to Israeli's fury. Reuters, May 18th 2018.

Around 2 million inhabitants of Gaza have been living under complete blockade and siege for the past 11 years, this has led to severe deteriorations in the humanitarian and social conditions on all fronts, with 2-4 hours of electricity per day, a ban on products including Medical supplies and essential drugs, extreme shortage in food stocks, 97% of water unfit for drinking, untreated sewage, high levels of unemployment and dangerous deterioration in mental health of citizens especially Children.

Through 70 years of the ongoing Nakba, the international community -mainly the security council- has failed in bringing justice for the Palestinian people and in holding Israel accountable to its violations of IHL and IHRL. Therefore, PWWSD demands that this 28th resolution, to not be put on the shelf alongside others, specifically the Goldstone Report and the Report of the Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Israeli aggression on Gaza. PWWSD stresses the importance of engendering the international committee's report, to include the voices of Palestine women and girls.

Finally, PWWSD strongly condemns the violence of the Israeli Occupation Forces, and demands the international community to take responsibility, for not holding Israel accountable for its endless hideous crimes against the Palestinian people, we also demand for all crossings and checkpoints to be open at all times and for the immediate end of the Gaza blockade.

Established in 1981, The Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development (PWWSD) is a Palestinian women's, mass, developmental, learning human rights organization that contributes to developing the feminist struggle within national, social, and developmental dimensions.