Israel/Palestine

4th ITUC World Congress – 2018: Paras 53 – 56 of Congress Statement

53. Palestine has endured 50 years of occupation. We have repeatedly supported the terms of a just and sustainable peace, in particular in accordance with resolutions 242 and 338 of the UN Security Council. We reaffirm our position.

54. The continued Israeli occupation of the West Bank, the existence of illegal Israeli settlements there and their impact on the lives of Palestinians impose severe constraints on the potential for Palestinian economic and social development. Under the current conditions, hundreds of thousands of Palestinian workers are unable to find employment, causing widespread despair and disillusion. Many Palestinian workers, dependent on precarious work in Israel and the settlements, find themselves working in exploitative conditions. Action to promote decent work opportunities for them is urgent. States and businesses should be dissuaded from directly or indirectly enabling or profiting from activities related to the illegal settlements.

55. The occupation must end, with the removal of illegal settlements and Israel's withdrawal from all Palestinian lands along with the dismantling of the separation wall. In line with our commitment to a two-state solution with secure borders for both nations, we call on all countries to recognise, without delay, Palestine as a sovereign state with East Jerusalem as its capital. This will help confirm the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination in a free and independent Palestine.

56. We recognise and encourage the continuation of the cooperation between the Histadrut and the PGFTU, particularly concerning the agreement to transfer the dues of Palestinian workers.

5th ITUC World Congress – 2022: Para 65(xxiii)

(xxiii). Congress deplores the continuing occupation of Palestine by Israel, and reaffirms the policy adopted at the 4th ITUC World Congress in Copenhagen in favour of a two-state solution in line with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.