Our Fight is One:
A Call to End Genocide, Illegal Occupation, and for Justice in Palestine

To global citizens, the United Nations and intergovernmental institutions, states, religious leaders, human rights organizations, civil society actors, media representatives, and all those committed to justice and peace.

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With deep conviction, the Asian Civil Societies stands in steadfast solidarity with the Palestinian people. We urgently call for a united global response to the ongoing genocide in Gaza and the occupied West Bank marked by widespread civilian deaths, mass displacement, and systematic violations of international law. The international community must act decisively to hold Israel accountable for these grave and systematic violations of international law and human rights.

Since October 2023, over 60,000 Palestinians, most of them women and children, have been massacred in Gaza, with tens of thousands more injured. More than two million people have been displaced, enduring famine, blocked humanitarian aid, and the destruction of homes, schools, and hospitals. The West Bank has also seen escalating violence, including home demolitions, land confiscations, and settler attacks, all in violation of international law. Following more than 16 years of violent blockade and decades of illegal occupation, Israel has renewed its military offensive and bombardment in Gaza since October 2023, escalating its systematic campaign of collective punishment against the Palestinian people.

This is not simply a "conflict." It is a sustained assault on the lives and dignity of an entire people, deepened by a 16-year blockade and the expansion of illegal settlements. The targeting of schools, distribution queues, journalists, medical professionals, hospitals, humanitarian workers, and UN staff has further eroded the basic protections of international humanitarian law.

We are horrified by the widespread famine deliberately perpetrated by Israel's ongoing blockade in Gaza, including the denial of food, fuel, and medical supplies. This situation has worsened since the unilateral termination of the ceasefire in March 2025, with more than 200 people, including at least 100 children, reportedly killed due to starvation.

At the same time, violence has escalated in the occupied West Bank alongside the expansion of illegal settlements. Since October 2023, over 950 Palestinians, including at least 200 children, have been killed in military operations and settler-related attacks[1]. These developments reflect a

[1] https://www.unrwa.org/resources/reports/unrwa-situation-report-177-situation-gaza-strip-and-west-bank-including-east-jerusalem

pattern of deepening human rights violations in the occupied Palestinian Territories, in clear contravention of international law.

Yet in this moment of crisis, far too many governments and institutions have chosen ambiguity over action. The continued supply of arms to Israel, and the shielding of it from accountability, undermines the rules-based international order and erodes faith in global justice mechanisms.

At the same time, we note that violations of international humanitarian law have also been committed by Palestinian armed groups, including targeted killings and hostage-taking of civilians. We call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages and for all parties to adhere strictly to international law.

We are inspired by the growing wave of movements around the world including in Tel Aviv calling for an end to the genocide and illegal occupation in Palestine, and for justice and the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people. Despite efforts by some governments to restrict or intimidate these voices, these movements continue to mobilize with courage and determination. We stand in solidarity with them and urge all governments to respect the right to non violent advocacy, dialogue, and accountability, rather than suppressing legitimate calls for justice and accountability.

To this end, we urge civil society, governments, and international institutions to take meaningful action:

1. Advocate for an immediate ceasefire and an end to military aggression against Palestinians.
2. Urge for the opening of humanitarian corridors to ensure unimpeded access to food, sanitary products, and medical assistance.
3. Impose a global arms embargo on Israel and to end the supply of weapons to Israel
4. Hold Israel accountable for the ongoing genocide in Gaza and its continuing violations of international law in all occupied Palestinian territories.
5. Stop criminalization of peaceful Palestine solidarity movements for demanding an end to the genocide and illegal occupation, and calling for justice and the right self-determination for Palestinian people

Endorsements (Listed in Alphabetical Order)

1. Altsean Burma.
2. ASEAN SOGIE Caucus (ASC)
3. Asia Dalit Rights Forum (ADRF)
4. Asia Democracy Network (ADN)

5. Asia Human Rights and Labour Advocates (AHRLA)
6. Asia Muslim Action Network (AMAN)
7. Asian Cultural Forum on Development (ACFOD)
8. Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL)
9. Asosiasaun Chega! ba lta (ACbit)
10. AwazCDS- Pakistan
11. Bytes for All (B4all) - Pakistan
12. Campaign for Good Governance, SUPRO Bangladesh
13. Center for Alliance of Labor and Human Rights (CENTRAL)
14. Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections (BERSIH)
15. Common Cause India
16. Dabindu Collective - Sri Lanka
17. Delete Nothing - Sri Lanka
18. Families of Victims of Involuntary Disappearance
19. Focus on the Global South
20. Forum for a Plural Democracy - Sri Lanka
21. FORUM-ASIA
22. Human Elevation Organisation - Sri Lanka
23. Human Rights Measurement Initiative
24. Human Rights Online Philippines HRonlinePH
25. Human Rights Support Society - Bangladesh
26. Initiative for International Dialogue (IID) / Global Partnership for Prevention of Arms Conflict (GPPAC).
27. Innovation for Change - East Asia Hub
28. Institute for People Engagement and Networking (iPEN) - Sri Lanka
29. International Center for Ethnic Studies - Sri Lanka
30. International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (INFID)
31. Koalisi Rakyat untuk Hak atas Air (KRuHA)
32. LILAK (Purple Action for Indigenous Women's Rights)
33. Lingkar Madani - Indonesia.
34. Manushya Foundation
35. Martabat Untuk Semua Petaling Jaya, Malaysia
36. Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)
37. Milk Tea Alliance (Friends of Myanmar)
38. Milk Tea Alliance Calendar Team

39. Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform (MONLAR) - Sri Lanka
40. Movement for Plantation Peoples' Land Rights (MPPLR) -Sri Lanka
41. Muslim Personal Law Reform Action Group (MPLRAG) - Sri Lanka
42. New Bloom - Taiwan
43. New Myanmar Foundation
44. Nijera Kori - Bangladesh
45. Noakhali Rural Development Society- Bangladesh
46. Odhikar
47. PUSAT KOMAS
48. Queer Margins - Taiwan
49. Radio Rakambia
50. Ray Rangkuti / LIMA Indonesia
51. Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU)
52. Rumah Empati
53. Sadriahan Velaidan
54. Sangat - A Feminist Network
55. Sisterhood Initiative - Sri Lanka
56. Sisters to Sisters
57. Social Institute for Development of Plantation Sector (SIDPS) - Sri Lanka
58. South Asia Alliance for Poverty Eradication (SAAPE)
59. South Asia Youth Network (SAYN)
60. South Asians for Human Rights (SAHR)
61. Southeast Asia Freedom of Expression Network (SAFEnet)
62. Stand Up Movement - Sri Lanka
63. Sydney Policy Analysis Center
64. Task Force Detainees of the Philippines
65. Tepi Indonesia
66. The May 18 Foundation
67. The Timor Leste NGOs Forum (FONGTIL).
68. Upcountry Civil Society Collective (UCSC)-Sri Lanka
69. Wada Na Todo Abhiyan, India
70. Women’s Action Network - Sri Lanka
71. Youth and Young Journalist Peace and Democracy Cultural Center Timor - Leste
72. Yusfitriadi / Visi Nusantara Maju Indonesia