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This State Council meeting of the Electrical Trades Union Queensland Branch confirms the following:

1. A detailed report about the 2010 Union Aid Abroad - APHEDA study tour to the Middle East, particularly The West Bank & Gaza Strip was received today. That report detailed the situation of;
 - a) Illegal Israeli Settlements
 - b) The Apartheid practices of the Israeli government
 - c) The Israeli governments lack of adherence to international law & UN resolutions
 - d) House demolitions
 - e) The illegal Separation Wall
 - f) The inhumane treatment of Palestinian refugees
 - g) The Gaza blockade
2. Continued aggression by the Israeli government and its acts of provocation towards the Palestinian people was discussed.
3. Further discussion & debate today took place in respect of the Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions (BDS) campaign initiated by Palestinian society requesting international support.

Consequently, this meeting hereby resolves to call on the Israeli government to:

- a) Implement all UN resolutions against the occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem and the right of return for all Palestinian refugees,
- b) Remove the illegal settlements and dismantle the Illegal Separation Wall,
- c) Completely ceases its blockade on Gaza

Furthermore this meeting also resolves to support the BDS campaign for:

1. A consumer boycott of Israeli goods.
2. Labour movement sanctions on firms and institutions involved in Israeli military and security programmes.
3. Disinvestment of trade union superannuation funds in Israel and particularly in firms such as Caterpillar, Motorola and Veolia which provide resources or services which aid the occupation.
4. Any other peaceful measures initiated by the BDS campaign.

This meeting also resolves to support the aim of a sovereign Palestinian state peacefully co-existing alongside a sovereign Israel in a nuclear-weapon free Middle East.