

## **RESOLUTION 4.8**

### **ISRAEL AND PALESTINE**

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#### **The 7th World Congress of Education International (EI), meeting in Ottawa, Canada, from 21 to 26 July, 2015:**

1. Calls on the EI Board, its member organizations and affiliates, to act in accordance with the EI Constitution, Article 2: Aims, sections (b), (g), (h) and:
  - a. Promote for all peoples and in all nations peace, democracy, social justice and equality;
  - b. Foster a concept of education directed towards international understanding and good will, the safeguarding of peace and freedom, and respect for human dignity;
  - c. Combat all kinds of racism and bias or discrimination in education and society due to gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, religion, political opinion, social or economic status or national or ethnic origin;

#### **Congress:**

2. Supports the Executive Board's resolution (EI 6th Congress, Cape Town, South Africa, 22nd-26th July 2011) calling upon its members and international labor movement to publicly lobby for a recognition that the long term prospects for peace will depend on the creation of a viable Palestinian state and a universal recognition of Israel's right to exist.
3. Supports the 6th World Congress resolution to reject all curricular materials that incite racial and ethnic hatred.
4. Deplores the terrorist, violent, brutal, deadly rockets and missiles attacks from inside Gaza against Israeli civilians on a daily basis for the past 12 years, 3356 during 29 days of Operation Protective Edge. Especially those launched from within hospitals and education institutions, their sole purpose murdering as many Israeli men, women, children and elders as possible, causing the unfortunate death and injury of innocent civilians.
5. Deplores the ongoing blunt incitement in the PA (Palestinian Authority) textbooks, primarily the 4 fundamentals those books firmly cling to:
  - a. Disclaim Jews' rights and Israel's existence
  - b. Demonize both Jews and Israel
  - c. Present the Arab-Israeli conflict in a slanted way
  - d. Don't advocate tolerance and peace but rather advocate martyrdom and violent struggle
6. Deplores the presentation of Jews and Israel as evil, without a single positive redeeming trait; as people who use tricks and violate treaties; as killers, slaughters and robbers, stealing water and land. (<http://www.impact-se.org/research/pa/index.html>)

**Congress calls on EI Board, EI members and affiliates worldwide to demand, via their national governments, the Palestinian Authority, Government and Governing Institutions to:**

7. Immediately remove all kinds of incitement and Antisemitism from pre-school, elementary school, high school, college and children's textbooks;
8. To educate all children to peace, tolerance and reconciliation, consistent with the international law;
9. To educate all children against jihad and martyrdom and violent struggle;
10. To recognize Israel's right to exist as a free, democratic state, the homeland of the Jewish people alongside a viable Palestinian state;

**Congress, further more:**

11. Calls upon both sides, Israeli and Palestinian, to educate all children towards tolerance, peace and mutual cognizance, emphasizing the vital key role of educators and teachers' trade unions globally.
12. Calls upon both sides, Israeli and Palestinian, to act together in full, real, true cooperation, based on trust and honor, for the wellbeing of all citizens of the region.
13. Reinforces and encourages the Israel Teachers Union (ITU) efforts to create a bond with the Palestinian Teachers Unions (GUPT, GUWKPS, PFUUPE) to join hands and cooperate towards achieving reconciliation and life in long lasting peace.