



I CONFERENCIA ESTATAL POR EL BOICOT, DESINVERSIONES  
Y SANCIONES (BDS) CONTRA EL APARTHEID ISRAELÍ

**"AYER SUDÁFRICA, HOY PALESTINA"**

-Barcelona, 19, 20 y 21 de octubre de 2012-



**"Declaration from the First Spanish State Conference on Boycott,  
Divestment and Sanctions against the state of Israel"**

**"YESTERDAY SOUTH AFRICA, TODAY PALESTINE"**

**The Conference, held in Barcelona between the 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> October 2012, takes on the call from Palestinian civil society to join the campaign of international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against the state of Israel and calls on civil society of the Spanish state to do the same.**

At the first Spanish State Conference for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS), the meeting of more than 500 activists and 50 organisations from civil society of the state of Spain reaffirmed our commitment to the struggle of the Palestinian people and our stance against Israeli apartheid: "Yesterday South Africa, today Palestine"

We affirmed the advance of the BDS campaign as central to all the actions and activities of solidarity with the Palestinian people. To this end, the Conference decided in its conclusions to work towards a BDS campaign that transcends the Palestinian solidarity movement. With these objectives in mind, we communicate our intention to coordinate with the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC), that heads and drives the international movement in support of the BDS campaign.

The BDS campaign arose from the Palestinian people themselves in 2005. Amongst the demands of their call are the end of the occupation of all Arab territories occupied by Israel in 1967, the right of return of all refugees and equality of rights for all citizens of Israel.

We affirm the necessity to support this non-violent campaign to put an end to the systematic violation of the human rights and International Law on the part of Israel. These violations have again been brought to light by the recent hijacking of the last Gaza Flotilla in international waters. We therefore demand that our government guarantees freedom of passage in Mediterranean waters, puts an end to the blockade of Gaza and brings about the immediate release of those that are, as of today, being held captive by Israel.

As organisations from civil society and activists for the internationalist cause, we hereby call on international civil society (and all people of good will) to join this Palestinian people's movement, based in the principals of justice, freedom and equality, to put an end to the state of Israel's impunity.

Barcelona, 21st October 2012

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