

**RESOLUTION TO THE CANADA COUNCIL 2008 CONVENTION – VICTORIA, BC**

**Re: “ SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST”**

- WHEREAS:** Israel is a free and democratic society under continuous threat of terrorism and rocket fire on its townships, in addition to the threat of war by radical groups and states around it, and
- WHEREAS:** Israel as a free and democratic society has an active trade union movement that participates in all areas of Israeli society, and
- WHEREAS:** Some trade unions in Canada are attempting to undermine the legitimacy of Israel’s democracy, and
- WHEREAS:** The continued mid-East dispute results in the unfortunate loss of life and much destruction of properties on all sides and impacts negatively on the world economy and political equilibrium, and
- WHEREAS:** The people of Israel, its government and the broader international community have agreed that the best solution to bring about peace is a two state solution: A state of Israel and a state of Palestine.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the Canada Council of Carpenters supports Israel in its struggle to maintain peace and democracy by calling for:

1. An immediate and peaceful resolution between Israel and the Palestinians resulting in a two state solution;
2. A recognition that Israel has the right to exist and to defend itself and its people;
3. An immediate end of hostilities towards Israel by various groups including Hamas and Hezbollah. This includes hostilities by other nation states, such as Iran and Syria.
4. An immediate end to the mislabeling of Israel as an apartheid state and a cessation of threats to boycott and divest from the state of Israel.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Canada Council of Carpenters supports Israel as a democratic nation state built on foundations of equality, equity, justice and freedom.

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President

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