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UAWC Salutes the International Solidarity with Gaza

The Union of Agricultural Committees salutes all its international networks for supporting our families in Gaza by organizing and participating in demonstrations and/or writing support letters. Such actions grab the attention of the public and media who in fact affect the decisions of the policy makers. Each supportive letter and action supports the resilience of our families in Gaza and makes them stronger.

UAWC has received many supporting emails from its international networks asking about our families in Gaza. Also, many of them have conducted solidarity actions with Gaza and shared with us some pictures and information.

It is our duty at UAWC to reflect these highly respected and appreciated solidarity actions and letters to the Palestinian public to strengthen the resilience to our land.

Here are some of the letters and pictures we received from our international networks:

La Via Campesina International:



La Via Campesina International Peasant Movement

Solidarity call with the people of Palestine

La Via Campesina International -representing around 200 million farmers from 73 different countries around the world- condemns the Israeli war on Gaza and the crimes against the Palestinians that violate the international and humanitarian laws.

Since July 7th 2014, 214 Palestinians were killed, including at least 164 civilians of whom 44 were children and 29 women. 1,585 Palestinians were injured of whom 435 are children and 282 are women. 1,660 homes were destroyed or severely damaged in Gaza directly displacing 9,900 persons. 22,600 were displaced people hosted at UNRWA schools. 900,000 people are without water supply due to inability to repair and operate infrastructure.

LVC calls the International organizations and movements in addition to the activists around the world to pressure the policy makers in their countries to stop the war on Gaza immediately, hold Israel accountable for its crimes against civilians and end the collective punishment policy of the siege on Gaza,

This letter is an invitation to take an action to save the Palestinian farmers and fishermen.

La Via Campesina
International Peasant Movement

ATJ – Japan:



From Tokyo, to Gaza emergency meeting of prayer candles "GAZA"

The 21st, 500 citizens participated emergency meeting to protest against the military operations in Gaza by Israel is carried out in the park, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo.

MST- Brazil:

THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO RESIST AND STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAELI OCCUPATION

São Paulo, Brazil, July 14, 2014.

A new Israeli military offensive already results in hundreds of arrests and deaths in occupied Palestine. Across the West Bank, Gaza, Jerusalem, and other Palestinian territories occupied in 1948, we witness further violence and violations of human rights and international humanitarian rights by the Israeli government. Thousands of civilians are murdered, wounded, and arrested during Israeli military operations. Now Israel threatens to invade Gaza once again. Every invasion of Gaza resulted in the bombing of homes, schools, hospitals, and offices of social and political organizations of the Palestinians and of those who provide humanitarian support. Every invasion of Gaza involved the use of white phosphorous bombs, ammunition with depleted uranium, and incendiary bombs that are similar to the napalm used by the USA in the Vietnam War.

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Facing yet another Zionist-colonialist aggression, all that is left for the Palestinian people is to continue their popular resistance and struggle **for Peace, Justice, and National Liberation**. The origin of the conflict is the occupation of Palestinian lands by Israeli colonialism. **The end of Israeli occupation is the only solution that may guarantee a just and lasting peace in the region**. While this day does not arrive, the Palestinian people count with their own courage and rebelliousness of a people who live under Israeli occupation and with the international solidarity with the people, organizations, and governments that – together – form a powerful movement of denouncement against the injustices practiced by Israel. The **Landless Rural Workers Movement – MST** stands and will always stand alongside those who struggle for justice and dignity. In this conflict we stand with the Palestinian people and with their legitimate organizations, which demonstrate through their resistance against the oppressor, the path that will result in the freedom of the people and the land. The **MST** will struggle alongside various organizations of the Brazilian people for a Free, Sovereign, and Independent Palestine. We also call upon our sister organizations in **La Via Campesina** to participate actively in this struggle in solidarity with this heroic people who are an example of dignity, daring, and courage for us.

The Brazilian people struggle together with the Palestinian people.

FREE PALESTINE NOW!!!

END THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION!!!

FREE PALESTINIAN HOMELAND, WE SHALL OVERCOME!!!

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Grassroots International – USA:



At least 1000 marched to demand an end to the massacre in Gaza- Boston.





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It is important to note that since the 7th of July, the Israeli occupation has killed 732 Palestinians, and wounded 4605, and the numbers are still rapidly increasing. The Israel occupation forces is continuing its brutal and immoral offensive war on Gaza, and have continued the policy of collective punishment in disregard for the international law and humanitarian law, which ensure the protection for civilians in times of war, and in violation of the principles of necessity, proportionality and distinction. Israeli forces have continued their aerial, ground and sea attacks throughout the Gaza Strip, causing more civilian casualties and damaging civilian facilities.