

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE
UNITED NATIONAL ANTIWAR COALITION CONFERENCE
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Resolution on Iran and related issues-Approved

[This statement was originally submitted to the conference by the UNAC Administrative Committee and the UNAC Coordinating Committee.]

**U.S./NATO Troops Out Now! No to Imperialist Wars, Occupations, Sanctions, Embargoes!
Self-determination for All Oppressed People!**

The United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC) was founded on the principle of self-determination for all oppressed nations and peoples. We demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all U.S./NATO troops, mercenaries and drones from Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan and Libya. We have every confidence that, free from imperialist intervention of every type, the oppressed nations and peoples of the world are fully capable of building societies that represent their interests as opposed to the imperial exploiters, neo-colonialists and would-be subjugators.

We have seen the horrific consequences of U.S. wars, "humanitarian" interventions, starvation sanctions, crippling embargoes and targeted assassinations. All have been employed to justify renewed imperialist conquest.

It is our task and obligation as antiwar and social justice activists within the United States to prevent the U.S./NATO's enormous military, economic and media power from imposing its will on the oppressed of the world in order to benefit the interest of the U.S. power elite – the 1%. UNAC opposes any form of U.S. military or economic intervention, sanctions, sabotage and assassinations in Iran and Syria, in Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia, Ecuador, Haiti, Zimbabwe, Africa in general and in all other countries, regions and continents where the Pentagon, the CIA, the State Department or their allies seek to impose their will.

Resolution to hold mass mobilization in New York on June 16, 2012-Approved

Submitted by the Muslim Peace Coalition

[Approved unanimously on March 24, 2012 with accepted amendments on March 25. Final version]

The joint session of the Muslim Peace Coalition...

Resolves on this 24th day of March 2012 to hold a mass mobilization and demonstration in New York City on June 16, 2012

To protest against the violation of the civil and human rights of all people, the undermining of the Bill of Rights, and the purposeful erosion of our civil liberties

We are resolved to work in partnership with other progressive organizations on a consistent basis, in pursuit of justice

Therefore, all people of conscience are invited to join us at the rally in order to send a strong and unified message against these egregious violations.

Resolution: Condemn J Street-Approved

For years the lobby "J Street" has advertised itself as a "progressive" Jewish alternative to the infamous AIPAC. It was never true. For instance in October 2009 J-Street proudly published a letter to it of congratulations from Tzipi Livni who had been Israeli Foreign Minister during the Gaza Massacre (2008-2009).

Now it has outdone itself. At its upcoming conference, its "Gala" will be keynoted by Ehud Olmert, the former Israeli Prime Minister. It was Olmert who launched war against Lebanon in which over 1,000 Lebanese died and Israel fired

over a million cluster munitions, most after the ceasefire had been worked out. He was also responsible for the Gaza Massacre in which over 1,400 Palestinians were killed.

Incidentally, he left office under a cloud of corruption and is under indictment for “obtaining by fraud under aggravating circumstances, fraud, breach of trust, falsifying corporate documents, and tax evasion”

Btselem USA (whose parent group does great work in documenting Palestinian oppression) is a cosponsor of the conference. The great folk singer Theodore Bikel is inexplicably master of ceremonies of the Gala

UNAC condemns J Street for inviting this war criminal Olmert to its conference and calls on Btselem USA, Theodore Bikel and anyone else participating or supporting this event to cancel and to apologize.

Submitted by Stanley Heller, Connecticut

Resolution on Kashmir-Approved

Submitted by the Islamic Leadership Council of New York City and Kashmir activist Sarah Soofi. Approved during the Workshop Panel Session on The Search For Human Rights and Justice in South Asia and at the UNAC conference plenary session.

Kashmiris have suffered one of the worst sustained repressions in the world during the course of their six decades old struggle for self-determination.

On the advice of Henry Kissinger, the Indian government has banned foreign media from Kashmir. *The 2012 UNAC conference resolves to demand from India and Pakistan that they implement the UN resolutions on Kashmir. We also demand that the Indian government withdraw its forces from the cities, towns and villages of Kashmir, particularly in the context of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act.*

We further demand that the government of India cooperate with the Indian and international human rights organizations in their investigations into the egregious human rights violations in Kashmir, including the enforced disappearance of 8,000 – 10,000 people and the dead bullet-ridden bodies of 2,730 people found in thirty mass grave sites in just three districts of Kashmir.

Resolution: Palestine Solidarity CAN/G8 March Contingent-Approved

PROTEST THE 2012 CHICAGO NATO/G8 SUMMITS: FREE PALESTINE, END THE OCCUPATION

Background

The so-called “leaders” and bankers of the eight richest countries as well as the military heads of 28 members of NATO – dominated by the U.S. are meeting in Chicago in May 2012 at the NATO/G8 Summits. Military leaders, strategists, and defense contractors round out this cast of oppressive world “leaders” who are key in promoting continued war and occupation among the developing countries of the world, especially in the Middle East . The only group shut out of these meetings and their war and poverty agenda are ordinary people affected by their decisions.

The leading countries in NATO and the G8 are all former or current colonial nations. As part of the legacy of colonialism, there is still close cooperation between the occupying army and the bankers who exploit the occupied economy. It should come as no surprise that both NATO’s and the G8’s position toward Israel and Palestine reflects this colonialist perspective.

NATO and Israel engage in joint military exercises and sharing of intelligence including studying Israeli military tactics in the occupied areas. Without Palestinian input, NATO has secured close ties to the Israeli Army despite Israel’s military committing numerous human rights violations while maintaining an illegal occupation.

NATO and the G8 consistently support the Israeli position. During the 2006 Israeli invasion of Lebanon they blamed Hezbollah and Hamas for the conflict, affirming Israel's right to "defend itself." They refuse to condemn Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip and continue to politically and financially support Israel's illegal, collective punishment of the people of Gaza. At every opportunity, they urge the Palestinians to return to peace talks, while failing to stop the establishment of new, and the expansion of existing, Israeli settlements.

The G8 and its implementation arms - the IMF and World Bank - exploit the economy of Palestine as well as all the countries involved in the Arab Spring. Economic plans developed for Palestine, Tunisia, Libya, or Egypt encourage cuts in social services; reduce food and fuel subsidies; "reform" labor market policies; cut public employment; and open local markets for foreign investment (especially by members of the G8). The G8 will support and invest in Palestine and other Arab countries as long as they move toward western-style democracy (as defined by the G8) and become markets for the G8's global corporations and the IMF/World Bank economic policies.

NATO and the G8 support the policies of the Israeli state; actively fund its apartheid practices including the occupation of Palestine; and engage in joint military exercises and the sharing of intelligence with the state of Israel. The G8 and its implementation arms - the IMF and World Bank - actively exploit the economy of Palestine as well as the countries involved in the Arab Spring.

Amendment to Draft Action Program:

For these reasons, the United National Antiwar Committee calls for all Palestine solidarity groups and activists who support an end to the occupation; granting full equality to Palestinian-Arab citizens of Israel; and guaranteeing the Right of Return to join the Palestine solidarity contingent of the NATO/G8 protest march on May 20, 2012. Occupy the streets, not Palestine!

Resolution on Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions-Approved

Whereas:

UNAC, at its July 2010 conference, passed a resolution that, among other points, endorsed the call of Palestinian Civil Society to support a world-wide campaign of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel until it complies with International Law and the Universal Principles of Human Rights.

Several divestment campaigns of national scope are underway. [We Divest.org](#), a campaign initiated by Jewish Voice for Peace, and endorsed by more than 30 organizations, seeks to persuade TIAA-CREF – one of the largest financial service companies in the United States – to stop investing in companies profiting from the Israeli occupation. The [Presbyterian Church \(USA\) Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment](#) will ask the General Assembly in July to divest from Motorola, Hewlett Packard and Caterpillar as companies involved in the occupation. [The United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society](#), at its General Conference in April, will consider a motion to divest from Motorola, Hewlett Packard and Caterpillar because of their complicity in the occupation.

[The Minnesota Break the Bonds Campaign](#) and [Dump Israeli Bonds](#) are asking labor unions and state and city governments and pension funds to sell off their Israel bonds. The money raised from these bonds is supposedly for development, yet it can be used for the Apartheid Wall, Jewish-only bypass roads in the occupied West Bank and Jewish-only communities within Green Line Israel.

Several boycott campaigns of national and international significance are underway. [The Stolen Beauty](#) campaign is an international effort to boycott Ahava beauty products, which are manufactured using stolen Palestinian natural resources and produced in the illegal settlement of Mitzpe Shalem. [The Olympia, Washington Food Co-op](#) has voted to support the Palestinian Civil Society call and to boycott Israeli goods in its two stores. [The Park Slope \(Brooklyn, NY\) Food Co-op](#) will vote March 27 on whether to hold a referendum for its members on joining the BDS movement. In one of the first academic boycott initiatives in the United States, [USACBI](#) and [PACBI](#) have issued statements condemning the collaboration between Cornell University and Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, supporting the efforts of Students for Justice in Palestine in calling for an end to this collaboration and complicity with Israeli occupation and colonization.

Cultural boycott campaigns urging artists not to perform in Israel and actions protesting Israeli artists touring the US under the aegis of Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs as part of its "[Brand Israel](#)" campaign are ongoing.

Therefore the Conference Resolves:

To endorse the TIAA-CREF, Presbyterian Church, and United Methodist Church divestment campaigns and to communicate with our members about those campaigns.

To endorse the Stolen Beauty campaign and to communicate with our members about that campaign.

To endorse the Dump Israeli Bonds and the Minnesota Break the Bonds campaigns and to communicate with our members about those campaigns.

To encourage the anti-war and other social movements to continue to educate their members about the non-violent campaign of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions in response to the Palestinian civil society call for BDS of 2005.

To support, where possible, local cultural and academic boycott campaigns in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI).

To work with all individuals and groups who agree with the points in this resolution.

Proposed Amendment to Action Program:

ACTION PROGRAM: PART II

We, the United National Antiwar Coalition, will:

Add #10)

Endorse, educate, and participate in Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) of Israel campaigns, including cultural and academic boycotts, as developed in the Palestinian civil society call for BDS of 2005.

**Resolution to Support Mobilizations at the Republican and Democratic National Conventions-
Approved**

Submitted jointly by the Coalition to March on the RNC and the Coalition to Protest at the DNC

This fall, the two corporate parties will hold their nominating conventions. The Republicans will meet from August 27-30 in Tampa, Florida, and the Democrats will meet the following week from September 3-6 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Broad coalitions have formed -- uniting labor, civil rights, immigrants rights, students, anti-war, women's and LGBTQ groups, and more -- to challenge the pro-Wall Street, pro-war agendas of the two parties. There will be marches, demonstrations, and other actions to raise peoples' demands for jobs, justice, and freedom during the conventions.

Our communities have been devastated by the policies of the Republicans and Democrats. The economic crisis continues to deepen with mass unemployment and underemployment, home foreclosures and evictions, utility shutoffs, and punishing austerity programs that are wiping out public education, health programs and all social services. Both parties broker deal after deal that benefit the banks and corporations at the expense of the great majority of people in this country. Raids and deportations of immigrants continue to increase, and racism, xenophobia, and bigotry are being whipped up to sow divisions among the 99%.

U.S. wars abroad have expanded. The brutal occupation of Afghanistan has surpassed the 10 year mark and continues on, and U.S./NATO bombs rained down last year on Libya. The U.S. sent more than 100 troops into Uganda and has continued to expand AFRICOM, targeting the entire continent of Africa. Every day, the war drums beat louder and

louder against Iran and Syria. Hundreds of billions of dollars continued to be poured into imperial U.S. adventures abroad that visit terror upon the world's peoples, while people are suffering here at home.

It's clear that both the Republicans and Democrats serve and protect the interests of the 1%, not the 99%. We need a powerful movement from below to raise peoples' demands and challenge the banks, corporations, and political parties that represent their interests. *We call on the progressive, social justice, and anti-war movements in the U.S. to join thousands in the streets of Tampa and Charlotte this fall.* The Occupy Movement, and the history of all peoples' movements for justice, has shown that we can't rely on the political establishment to make progress -- it's up to us to stand up, speak out, and fight back to demand the world that we deserve.

Solidarity with the Resistance in Honduras-Approved

(Full resolution to be posted later.)

Resolved: *That the National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC) calls on the U.S. government to cease all military and police aid to Honduras, including military and police training, requiring the system of Lobo Sosa to agree to ask the judiciary system to investigate all crimes against teachers, peasants, workers, journalists, lawyers, women and members of the National Resistance Popular Front members who have been killed during the de facto government of Roberto Micheletti Bain, and his own administration, including investigation of men and women who were directly involved in the coup and to accept the proposal of President Manuel Zelaya Rosales to reconcile Honduras through a national dialogue and to convene a National Constituent Assembly, which is the will of the people.*

There were some additional resolutions and amendments to the Action Program that the Conference did not have time to consider. These will be reviewed and voted on by the UNAC Coordinating Committee.