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Subject: FW: The Hon. Ms.Libby Davies MP.

Dear Ms. Davies:

This is a copy of my letter to Mr. Layton supporting your principled stand against the oppressive policies of the state of Israel, against the Palestinian people.

The statement about the 1948 occupation is correct. Let me remind you of the facts:

The UN Partition Plan of Nov. 29, 1947,, UNGA resolution # 181, apportioned 56% of the land of Palestine to the Jews[who actually constituted 31% of the population and owned 5.6% of the land] and 42% of the land to the Palestinian Arabs, the original inhabitants of the land, and 2% for Jerusalem , to be an international zone. Israel proceeded in 1948 to occupy nearly 50% of the area apportioned for the Palestinian Arabs, leaving behind what became to be called the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, constituting only 22% of the land of Palestine, which Israel again illegally occupied in the war it waged in in June 1967.

So, in essence, and correctly, Israel occupied illegally nearly 50% of the territory apportioned to the Palestinian people, as well as expelling, in a premeditated and planned attack, over 750, 000 Palestinians, who remain as refugees, not allowed to return to their homes as stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and repeated re-affirmation of the UNGA Resolution #194 of Dec. 1948, ordering the right of the refugees to return to their homes. You may remember that the right of return for the refugees was recommended by the UN Mediator Count Folke Bernadotte. Count Bernadotte, a man of honor, paid heavily for his principled stand, as he was assassinated in Jerusalem on Sept. 17, 1948, by the terrorist Stern Gang, ordered by Yitzhak Shamir, later the prime minister of Israel.

Furthermore, no one seems to remember that Israel was admitted to the UN on the basis of UNGA resolution # 273, of May 11, 1949. This resolution made Israeli admission conditional on Israeli implementation of UN resolutions #181 [the partition resolution' and # 194 [the right of return for the refugees]. Neither of these resolutions has been implemented 61 years later. So it can be correctly argued that Israeli UN membership is illegitimate.

Be that as it may, I wish to thank you for your principled courageous stand.

Yours sincerely,

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