

TO: Assembly

FROM: DPOCA

RE: Motion to stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine

DATE: 3 June 2021

Assembly notes:

- 1) Following the dispossession of Palestinian families from their homes in Sheik Jarrah, the government of Israel reacted with grossly disproportionate violence against Palestinian protesters
- 2) The aggressive actions of the Israeli government have left over 200 Palestinians, including 59 children, dead within the space of a week
- 3) The use of forced dispossession, grossly disproportionate violence and settler colonialism has been a tool of the government of Israel against the Palestinian people for several decades
- 4) The government of the United Kingdom has actively funded, supported and been complicit in these acts of terror and aggression by the Israeli government against Palestinian citizens

Assembly believes:

- 1) That the Palestinian people have a fundamental human right to be free from forced dispossession, acts of state aggression that constitute war crimes, brutality against protesters and acts which constitute war crimes
- 2) That the Israeli government has been acting as an oppressive and fatal force against a people who are disproportionately disenfranchised and disempowered (the Palestinian people)
- 3) That the Students Union has a duty to fight for the fundamental rights of the people of Palestine who continue to face oppression against the Israeli government, not only on behalf of our Palestinian student populations, but also to uphold freedom from acts of violence against civilians as a fundamental human right.

Assembly resolves:

- 1) To stand in Solidarity with the people of Palestine against the actions of the Israeli government and publish a statement of solidarity as a Students Union
- 2) To raise awareness and campaign for the people of Palestine as they face the ongoing brutality of a substantially more powerful state
- 3) To lobby the University to boycott and divest from any organisation that funds or supports the Israeli government as it commits acts of terror against the Palestinian people
- 4) To condemn the Government of the United Kingdom in its complicity in funding and supporting such acts of terror and grossly disproportionate violence