NORWICH PALESTINE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN GROUP

RESOLUTION TO THE PSC EXECUTIVE:

The Norwich Branch of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign notes with alarm the pressure mounting against the Republic of Iran because of its alleged failure to comply with its obligations as a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. We believe that the call for the Teheran Government to abide by the latter and open all its facilities to inspection, and the threat to introduce an economic boycott through the UN, deliberately ignores the fact that Israel's nuclear facilities are not merely uninspected, but unacknowledged by the current and all previous Israeli governments.

Israel began its nuclear programme in the 1950's with the generous assistance of France. The world knows that Israel possesses nuclear weapons, but it has not signed the NNPT and has escaped censure for not doing so. While currently there is no evidence that Iran possesses such WMD, it is clear that the Israeli nuclear capability gives it a strategic reason for developing its own stockpile.

For several years Israeli administrations have been talking up the danger of a nuclear Iran. The latest developments coincide with Israel's refusal to agree to halt settlement building in the illegally occupied Palestinian Territories, thereby crushing what slim hopes there were for the start of genuine negotiations towards a settlement. President Obama seems to be reacting with more urgency to the concerns of Tel Aviv than to the international call for justice for the Palestinian people and greater regional stability. Thus, the Palestinian Question is once again obscured and side-lined and the world's media focus elsewhere. There is nothing new in Netanyahu's brazen pursuit of this strategy. The endgame, after the disasters of Afghanistan and Iraq, is the opening of a catastrophic third front. We must oppose this with all the resources we can muster. Every military adventure in the Muslim world whether by America and its European allies or Israel is bad news for the Palestinian people.

We therefore call on the Executive of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign to work with CND and the Stop the War Coalition to organize a media campaign and national demonstration to highlight the truth about Israel's nuclear capability, and political lobbying of the British Government to

(1) use all means at its disposal to persuade Israel to endorse the NNPT

(2) move a UN resolution in support of the simultaneous international inspection of *both* Iran's and Israel's nuclear facilities by the International Atomic Energy Authority.

Keith Rowley, Chair
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