

GMB CONGRESS 2010

EMERGENCY MOTION NO 2

### FREEDOM FLOTILLA

THIS CONFERENCE IS HORRIFIED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY TOWARDS UNARMED CIVILIANS ON BOARD THE 'FREEDOM FLOTILLA'. THE FLOTILLA WAS HEADING TO DELIVER AID TO THE PEOPLE OF GAZA. ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY THEY WERE BOARDED AT NIGHT BY MEMBERS OF THE ISRAELI MILITARY WHO KILLED AT LEAST NINE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND INJURED DOZENS MORE IN AN ILLEGAL ATTACK ON BOARD A VESSEL IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

CONGRESS CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT TO PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO END THE ILLEGAL BLOCKADE OF GAZA AND CONTINUED MILITARY OCCUPATION OF PALESTINIAN LAND. WE BELIEVE THAT UNLESS ISRAEL IS HELD TO ACCOUNT FOR ITS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, THESE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES WILL CONTINUE.

SPECIFICALLY WE CALL ON THE UK GOVERNMENT TO:

- SUPPORT THE TUC CALL FOR A BOYCOTT OF ISRAELI GOODS\*.
- CALL FOR A PROMPT, INDEPENDENT AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE ISRAELI ATTACK
- INSTITUTE AN IMMEDIATE TWO-WAY ARMS EMBARGO BETWEEN THE UK AND ISRAEL. SUCH AN EMBARGO WOULD SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO ISRAEL THAT ITS ACTIONS ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

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\* The CEC made the qualification that this applies to settlement goods only.