



## Open Letter

### **Palestinian Women Highly Appreciate the Stance of the Government and People of the Republic of South Africa in Pursuing Israeli Occupation for Its Crimes before the International Court of Justice and**

#### **Ensuring Accountability without Impunity**

**Occupied Palestine:** Palestinian women salute and appreciate the stance of the government and people of the Republic of South Africa, for the historical decision to apply to the International Court of Justice against the crimes of the Israeli occupation. Applying to the ICJ comes while the genocide war against Palestinians, in both the Gaza Strip and West Bank, is still going on by the Israeli occupation. Palestinian women perceive the step as a victory for the human and ethical values, which distinguished and are still distinguishing, the government and people of the Republic of South Africa. Likewise, applying to the ICJ enhances the implementation of international law and international humanitarian law. It ensures that Israeli war criminals (politicians and militants) enjoy no impunity, within the continuation of the genocide war that includes killing, displacing, stealing children from their families, wielding starvation, and other practices that stand as profound violations of the International Law and International Humanitarian Law. The application serves as a strong response to the conspiracy of the colonial and oppression international powers, with the occupation. These powers are aligning with the aggression against Palestinians where they are not only speechless, but also supporting the occupation militarily, politically, and diplomatically. The political and diplomatic support banned issuing a compulsory resolution from the United Nations Security Council to stop the aggression or impose sanctions on the occupation state (according to section VII of the UN Charter) to make it adhere to the international legitimacy and end its aggression and occupation of Palestine, which is a state recognized by the United Nations itself.

Over the previous 3 months, the occupying state has been committing crimes that fall under the definition of “genocide”, as affirmed by the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. Consequently, lodging the case to the ICJ is a step on the right track to account the occupation and punish it for its crimes against Palestinians. As the occupation leaders feel that they are unaccounted for and that their state is a state above the law, they are proceeding with crimes against Palestinians and neglecting all the international conventions and treaties, as well as ignoring all human and ethical values. The crimes of the occupation are committed with the intention of genocide and so, it becomes a necessity for the intervention of the international judicial authorities, above which should be the ICJ, to curb the occupation and stop its crimes.

As we extend our greetings to our friends (people and leadership) of the Republic of South Africa, we emphasize that we are aligning with the decision to apply to the ICJ. We urge the friend countries and Arab countries, members of the ICJ, to support the application.

The Republic of South Africa (people and government) will remain a model for civilization and human values and a symbol of facing evil, on the level of the entire globe.

Salute to all voices that are raised highly in the face of oppression and injustice and in the face of the enemies of humanity. Greetings to all those who struggle and work to achieve just peace for Palestinians, who have been under racist colonial occupation for more than 75 years.

Long Life of the International Solidarity...

**Women of Palestine**  
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