



Towards a Lasting Peace

The Trade Union movement globally has always been a voice for peace and justice.

The Executive of the ETF recognises the independence of both the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice. It is only through the development of a robust and objective international legal framework can we ever hope to steer a path towards the elimination of war globally. The ETF therefore respects the rulings of both the ICC and ICJ in recent weeks in respect of the ongoing catastrophe in Palestine and Israel and supports their immediate implementation.

The ETF praises the decision by Ireland, Norway and Spain to recognise the state of Palestine. This decision was taken purely in the interests of establishing a sustainable and enduring peace in the Middle East and accordingly calls upon the European Union and all European countries to follow the course adopted by these countries and to also recognise the state of Palestine. At the same time the ETF does not question Israel's right to exist. The ETF, accordingly calls for an immediate ceasefire and the return of all hostages. Finally, the ETF believes that the only viable path to lasting peace is to end the illegal occupation, and the creation of a two-state solution.