BOD 2017 - 2018 - llR - Resolution in Support of Divestment from Corporations Complicit in the Occupation of Palestine

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 16,000 students;

it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible
and effective leadership for a diverse student population and to make improvements to the general welfare of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, the students of CSU East Bay, and Associated Students Inc. (ASI) as their representative body, have a rich history of standing up for justice; and

WHEREAS, international humanitarian law recognizes the right of all people, including Palestinians, to life, security1 and political and economic self-determination2

; and

WHEREAS, Israel has been recognized by international law since 1967 as an occupying power in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza3

, hereafter refe!1"ed to as the Occupied
Palestinian Te11"itories; and

WHEREAS, in July 2004, the International Court of Justice advis01y opinion found that "the construction by Israel of a wall in the Occupied Palestinian Te11"itory and its associated regime are contrary to international law4

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WHEREAS, UN General Assembly Resolution 70/89 (2015) condemned Israel's occupation of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem as a violation of international law and denounced Israel's separation wall as "unlawful constmction"[14]; and

WHEREAS, UN General Assembly Resolution 71/96 (2013) reaffirmed that Palestinian civilians were entitled to the protection of civilians during armed conflict under the Geneva Convention[15]; and

WHEREAS, UN Security Council Resolution 23/34 (2016) condemned the constmction of settlements in the occupied territories including East Jerusalem, emphasized that the Council will

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"not recognize any changes to the pre-1967 conflict lines"[l 6], and stressed that the "cessation of all Israeli settlement activities is essential for salvaging the two-State solution5

"; and

WHEREAS, the Israeli government contracts with private entities to implement these policies and actions that contravene international law; and

WHEREAS, Caterpillar is responsible for supplying Israel with D9 bulldozers, which are used by the governing regime to demolish Palestinian homes and violate human rights in the occupied Palestinian Tenitories6

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WHEREAS, Motorola Solutions services "MotoEagle Surveillance System" is used by the governing regime to control Palestinian movement in vast "special security zones" sUJTounding illegal Israeli settlements 7

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WHEREAS, Hewlett Packard owns EDS Israel, a company that provides the Israeli ministry of defense with the Basel system, "an automated biometric access control system" installed in checkpoints in the Occupied West Bank8

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WHEREAS, G4S provides security services to businesses in the illegal Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and scanning equipment in various checkpoints throughout the Occupied Palestinian Tenitories9 and

WHEREAS, CSU East Bay's investment in these companies shows implicit support for such violations; and

WHEREAS, these investments harm CSU East Bay's Palestinian students, many of whom have families who cunently live under Israeli occupation, or are descendants of Palestinians who have been killed or forcibly relocated as a result Israel's occupation of Palestine; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is a non-violent call for targeted divestment from multinational corporations causing substantial social injury by violating international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, regardless of which countries contract said corporations; and

5 https ://www .a !iazeera .com/news/2017 /12/ resolutio ns-occu pied-east-jerusa!em-171206081326131.html
6 Human Rights Watch's "Razing Rafah: Mass Hon1e Den1olitions in the Gaza Strip." cites Caterpillar's violations; Amnesty
International report "Israel and the Occupied Territories: Under the Rubble: I-louse Deinolition and Destruction of Land and Property." citing how Caterpillar bulldozers are used to violate human rights.

7 https://whoprofits.org/company/motorola-solutions-israel

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WHEREAS, our peers in many university student associations, including San Jose State University, CSU Long Beach, De Anza Community College, Wesleyan University, Oberlin College, DePaul University, Evergreen State College, UC Irvine, UC Berkeley, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UCLA, UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis and Stanford University have passed resolutions calling for divestment from companies that violate international law and human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Associated Students, Inc. of CSU East Bay, exercising its representative authority on behalf of all students:

THAT the ASI student government calls upon the CSU East Bay trustees to review their investments and to divest from companies that violate international humanitarian law by:
1. Maintaining the illegal infrastructure of the Israeli occupation, in particular settlements,
and separation wall. This includes companies like Caterpillar10
2. Facilitating Israel's collective punishment of Palestinian civilians. This includes
companies like Hewlett Packard 11
3. Facilitating state repression against Palestinians by Israeli security forces. This includes companies like G4S12,

THAT the Associated Student Inc. student government shall review and withdraw investments in securities, pe 0od;235 Tc 4.94 0 T7.18nc.