

## REPORT OF WORKSHOP ON PALESTINE WORK IN THE GLOBAL PEACE MOVEMENT

Opening Presentation from Hany Khalil (from United for Peace & Justice coalition, U.S.)

New conditions are creating opportunities to win support for Palestinian freedom struggle in global peace movement

- a. Historically, fairly distinct movements: peace/anti-intervention and Palestine solidarity
- b. New conditions. factors promoting linking of movements and opening up of consciousness
- c. Progress toward normalizing question of Palestine within global peace movement, with some exceptions

2. Thinking strategically about how to take maximum advantage of opportunities

Recognize peace movement is broader than Palestine Solidarity Movement

Basis of unity, reasons for entering much lower

3. Concrete approaches

a. Similarities of occupations: wrong in Iraq, wrong in Palestine

Assassinations, bulldozing homes, checkpoints, mass roundups, prisons

b. US-Israeli collaboration on Iraqi occupation

c. Israeli key component of neocon strategy of dominating N. Africa, W. Asia

Not just Jewish: Cheney, Rumsfeld; links to right-wing Christian Zionists

Discussion of goals for work in Global Peace Movement -

\* Key is education - use articles such as the Susan Akram/John Quigley article on the ICJ advisory opinion for distribution across U.S. & international peace movements. Make speakers more easily available, particularly lawyers and others with legal expertise from institutions such as the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York, al-Haq, others.

\* Focus of ICNP in general (role of UN, international law, etc.) should also shape our work within the global peace movement. We should send a letter to the leadership of the just-concluded international peace conference in Beirut outlining our ideas and the goals of ICNP, identifying as part of that movement.

\* We should urge Secretary General Kofi Annan to visit the occupied territories personally; not sufficient to hear reports from his special envoy Terje Roed-Larsen; should use precedent set in Sudan and travel himself.

\* We should encourage NGOs (Palestinian, Israeli & international) working inside Israel & Palestine to provide information on a regular basis to embassies and consulates in the region.

\* We should consider vigils that outside UN offices as useful education targets for mobilizations focusing on Israeli or other violations of the Geneva Conventions, the Wall, the ICJ opinion, etc.

\* For work on international protection, we should directly challenge Israeli violations, and that should include violation of all Conventions and UN resolutions, not only Geneva. (Including Universal Covenant on Human Rights, Convention Against Torture, Convention on Rights of Women, Convention on Rights of the Child, etc.)

\* We should urge the international peace movement to issue a global call to pressure governments to empower the General Assembly above the Security Council. That includes urging UN delegations to use the "uniting for peace" precedent at the UN to move Council issues (peace and security) to the Assembly's agenda instead. We need a global education campaign to distinguish between the General Assembly (a potential ally vis-à-vis Palestine) and the Security Council (where U.S. veto undermines its independence).

\* We should urge new campaigns to pressure the Assembly to move quickly to enforce the ICJ opinion, including raising the possibility of sanctions against Israel. Should include a campaign for the Assembly to find Israel in violation of the ICJ and the Assembly itself.

\* People working on the campaign against Caterpillar sales to Israel in the U.S. should broaden that effort to a global campaign.