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The European Coordination of Committees and Associations for Palestine (ECCP) was founded in 1986 as a network of European committees, associations, NGOs and international solidarity movements, dedicated to the struggle of the Palestinian people for freedom and justice. ECCP is based in Brussels and has a legal status as a non-profit organization under Belgian law.

OBJECTIVES

ECCP supports a 'rights-based approach' (focusing on the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people as opposed to a 'solution-based approach'):

- The right to self-determination, as enshrined in International Law and relevant UN resolutions
- An end to the 1967 occupation
- The right of Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality
- The right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes in accordance to UNGA resolution 194 and UNSC resolution 237.
- The unconditional release of all Palestinian prisoners

TOOLS

- 1) Lobby of European governments and EU institutions, calling upon them to uphold the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and to exclude Israel from any preferential status until it complies with international law.
- 2) Support for:
 - Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaigns (BDS)
 - The Russell Tribunal on Palestine
 - The plight of Palestinian prisoners in Israel
 - Popular efforts and campaigns challenging and confronting the ongoing displacement of Palestinians on both sides of the green line.
 - Civil Missions to Palestine
 - The Popular Committees for the Palestinian non-violent struggle
 - Coordination of actions and campaigns conducted by ECCP members

A FEW EXAMPLES OF ECCP'S PRESENT CAMPAIGNS

➤ Call for a Ban on Israeli Settlement Products

In the latest 'EU Heads of Mission Report on Jerusalem 2012', the EU consuls called for sanctions against Israeli settlements. Authored by the EU Heads of Mission in Jerusalem and Ramallah, the report recommends avoiding financial transactions linked to or supporting Israeli settlements and ongoing Israeli construction on occupied Palestinian land. EU functionaries and international institutions must play their role in ending the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land, upholding international law and ensuring respect for Palestinian rights.

➤ Stop Administrative Detention

On 17 April 2013, Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association will launch a global campaign to stop Administrative Detention, an Israeli system of detention without charge or trial. Administrative detainees are arrested by the Israeli Occupying Forces based on Military Order 1226, which permits military officials to detain any Palestinian individual for an initial period of up to six months, subject to indefinite extension, under the pretext of 'reasonable grounds to presume that the security of the area or public security require the detention'. Administrative detention is based on 'secret evidence'. Neither the detainees, nor their lawyers, are informed of the reasons for their detention, thus making a legal defense impossible.

➤ ECCP Endorses the Call for an International Military Embargo of Israel

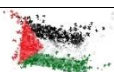
ECCP joins the European Network Against Arms Trade in support of the appeal of the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions National Committee (BNC), for an international military embargo of Israel.

➤ BDS

In addition, ECCP members are active in a range of aspects of the BDS Campaign, including the boycott of Israeli products in supermarkets/stores and Israeli (agricultural) export companies such as Mehadrin; divestment campaigns against companies complicit in Israeli violations of international law and/or war crimes, including Veolia, G4S, Elbit and others; and a variety of activities in the area of academic, cultural and sports boycotts.

ECCP MEMBERS

Austria	Society for Austro-Arab Relations (SAAR)
Belgium	Association Belgo-Palestinienne (ABP) Palestina Solidariteit Génération Palestine Union des Progressistes Juifs de Belgique (UPJB)
Czech Republic	ISM - Czech Republic
Denmark	Danish Palestinian Friendship Association
France	Association France Palestine Solidarité (AFPS) Campagne Civile Internationale pour la Protection du Peuple Palestinien (CCIPPP) Plateforme des ONG Françaises pour la Palestine Union Juive Française pour la Paix (UJFP)
Germany	Deutscher Koordinationskreis Palästina Israel (KOPI) BDS Berlin Deutsch-Palästinensische Gesellschaft
Greece	Greek Committee for International Democratic Solidarity (EEDDA)
Ireland	Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC)
Italy	Action for Peace Friends of the Palestinian Red Crescent FIOM-CGIL AssoPacePalestina
Luxembourg	Comité pour une Paix Juste au Proche-Orient (CPJPO)
Poland	Kampania Solidarnosci z Palestyna
Netherlands	Netherlands Palestine Committee (NPK)
Norway	Fellesutvalget for Palestina Norwegian People's Aid
Scotland	Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign (SPSC)
Slovenia	BDS Slovenia
Spain	Sodepau ACSUR Grupo de ONGs por Palestina Federación de Asociaciones de Defensa y Promoción de los Derechos Humanos Red Solidaria Contra la Ocupación de Palestina (RESCOP)
Sweden	Palestine Solidarity Association of Sweden (PGS) Judar för Israelisk Palestinsk Fred (JIPF)
Switzerland	Collectif Urgence Palestine (CUP) Badil (European representative)
United Kingdom	Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC)



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