

1. De-Escalation of Conflict in Israel-Palestine

WHEREAS thousands of people have been killed and key agricultural areas have been destroyed in the rising conflict in Israel-Palestine;

WHEREAS the bombardment and the blockade of humanitarian aid and other basic necessities to Gaza has led to a humanitarian crisis;

WHEREAS farmers and food provisioners throughout the region have been devastated by this acute bombardment, as well as by the ongoing restriction of movement, access to land and resources, and ability to practice traditional foodways while under occupation; and

WHEREAS our partners in La Via Campesina have called upon all social movements to mobilize and support the Palestinian people and to pressure their governments to de-escalate this military conflict and initiate a process of negotiation and dialogue;

WHEREAS the Canadian Government has unequivocally condemned attacks carried out by Hamas, has already called for the release of hostages held by Hamas, and has reaffirmed Canada's longstanding support of Israel and its right to defend itself while "emphasizing the importance of taking all possible measures to protect civilians and to minimize casualties",

WHEREAS the Canadian Government has offered humanitarian assistance to address urgent needs stemming from the crisis in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza, yet has not called for a ceasefire or the lifting of the blockade of Gaza.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with The Geneva Conventions, The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), and the The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, among other international law, the NFU affirms the rights of Palestinian people to sovereignty, including food sovereignty in their homelands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NFU join with the hundreds of other humanitarian, civil society, labour, and faith groups in calling on the Government of Canada to:

- Call for an immediate ceasefire in Israel-Palestine
- Call for an end to the blockade of Gaza and for the restoration of humanitarian aid and access to the basic necessities of life
- Use all diplomatic means at its disposal to support the negotiation of a just and lasting peace in the region.
- Call for Israel to meet its commitments under the Geneva Conventions and international humanitarian law