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The World Organization for Peace, together with its organization Lasting Peace, expresses support for the stance of Amnesty International, which calls at the extraordinary meeting on July 28 and 29 to be held at the United Nations in New York.

Ms. Agnès Callamard, Secretary General of Amnesty International, announces:

The Palestinian situation has reached the highest level of genocide, illegal occupation, and apartheid perpetrated by Israel.

The UN high-level conference to be held next week to discuss a peaceful resolution of the Palestinian issue and the implementation of the two-state solution must focus on the immediate and effective application of international law, including the obligations of states to prevent and punish genocide and apartheid and to end Israel's illegal occupation of Palestinian territory.

This has been stated by Amnesty International in a policy paper published today. The document puts forward a series of recommendations for states to take meaningful action and exert necessary pressure on Israel to end the genocide it is perpetrating against the Palestinian population in Gaza, lift the inhumane humanitarian blockade, dismantle its illegal occupation of Palestinian territory, and its apartheid system imposed on all Palestinians whose rights it controls.

"If the ministers who meet in New York next week are truly committed to forging a just, comprehensive, and lasting peace and security for both Israeli and Palestinian populations, the first priority must be to take concrete actions to end the genocide that Israel is carrying out against the Palestinian population in Gaza and its illegal military occupation of Palestinian territory, which has fueled massive human rights violations against the Palestinian population and allowed a entrenched and cruel apartheid system exercised by Israel," said Ms. Agnès Callamard, Secretary General of Amnesty International.

The current catastrophic crisis created by Israel in Gaza is unbearable, and states must act with urgency and determination. Statements, condemnations, and limited actions by states do not protect the civilian population nor respect international humanitarian law.

States must be unequivocal: Israel is not above the law, and accountability is a priority. Agnès Callamard, Secretary General of Amnesty International, repeats:

"Authentic and meaningful government action must start, above all, with the demand for an immediate and sustained ceasefire, as well as the lifting of the illegal blockade imposed by Israel. Without these urgent and fundamental measures, any process aimed at addressing the future of the Palestinian population lacks credibility. How can that process be considered meaningful when, daily, the Palestinian population is being massacred, starved, and forcibly displaced into ever smaller pieces of land?"



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Among the recommendations, Amnesty International urgently calls on states to demand an immediate and lasting ceasefire in Gaza, ensure complete and unhindered access to all areas of Gaza, and firmly reject the Israeli model of humanitarian aid distribution, which is not neutral and is controlled by the military. A principled humanitarian response led by the UN must be restored immediately, and funding for impartial humanitarian organizations must be maintained and increased;

end all trade or transfers that contribute to genocide, apartheid, or illegal occupation or are linked to them. This includes primarily banning all transfers of arms and surveillance equipment and all military aid to Israel. States must end preferential trade and cooperation agreements with Israel, including the trade agreement between the EU and Israel; adopt specific sanctions against the Israeli authorities most involved in international law crimes, and cooperate with the International Criminal Court, complying, among other things, with its arrest warrants;

commit to rebuilding the Gaza Strip and rehabilitating its population while opposing any forced displacement of Palestinians inside or outside Gaza; establish reparation and rehabilitation mechanisms for the Palestinian population, with Israel bearing the main financial responsibility.

Amnesty International also calls on companies to refuse to maintain any involvement or direct link with Israel's illegal actions. Companies must ensure that they do not contribute to serious human rights violations.

The organization also calls on civil society and the general public to continue mobilizing and campaigning to demand that States fulfill their legal obligations under international law, denounce companies, banks, and other economic actors that contribute to violations of international law committed by Israel or are directly linked to them, and demand that they cease doing so.

"States must be unequivocal: Israel is not above the law, and accountability is a priority. They must seize the opportunity provided by this conference to end their active or tacit support for human rights violations committed by Israel or their self-imposed inertia. The conference must lead to a clear commitment by all States to suspend all economic activity that contributes to Israel's illegal occupation, its apartheid system, or its genocide against the Palestinian population of Gaza or is directly linked to it," said Agnès Callamard.

"Since the very survival of the Palestinian population is at stake, time cannot be wasted on false promises or trivialities. While people continue to take to the streets demanding global action, and as more States recognize Israel's genocide for what it is, a hollow and performative exercise would not only be deaf but inconceivable. For this conference to be anything more than a farce, States must listen to our calls. They must turn words into action firmly rooted in international law and the protection of human rights."

Co-chaired by France and Saudi Arabia, the International High-Level Conference for the



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Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution will be held in New York on July 28 and 29, 2025. Agnès Callamard and other spokespeople from Amnesty International will be available for interviews.