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Introduced by  
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**A RESOLUTION**  
**CONDEMNING THE ONGOING GENOCIDE IN PALESTINE AND THE**  
**PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S COMPLICITY WITH THE ISRAELI**  
**OCCUPATION, AND CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO SUPPORT THE**  
**PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION AND**  
**SELF-DETERMINATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines adheres to the policy of peace as part of its Declaration of Principles and State Policies in Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution which states that "The Philippines renounces war as an instrument of national policy, adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land and adheres to the policy of peace, equality, justice, freedom, cooperation, and amity with all nations";

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines ratified the Geneva Conventions of 1949, including the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, on October 6, 1952, committing to international humanitarian law principles that prohibit acts such as genocide, starvation and targeting of civilians;

**WHEREAS**, under the same convention, all States are bound to uphold international humanitarian law, particularly the protection of civilians and non-combatants, the humane treatment of persons "hors de combat" or those who are out of the fight due to

surrender, detention, or injury, and the prohibition of acts that endanger human life and dignity during armed conflict;

**WHEREAS**, the Israeli occupation forces have intensified their genocidal campaign against the Palestinian people, with systematic bombardment of Gaza, the West Bank, and other occupied territories, resulting in the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians, including children, women, and elderly, and the displacement of millions more;

**WHEREAS**, since October 2023, the number of Palestinians killed in the genocidal war of Israel has reached at least 63,557, among them 18,000 children, according to the Health Ministry of Gaza;

**WHEREAS**, recent attacks by Israeli forces have targeted hospitals, schools, refugee camps, residential areas, and critical infrastructure, constituting clear violations of international humanitarian law and the Geneva Conventions, and amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity;

**WHEREAS**, the Israeli occupation has imposed a total blockade on Gaza, cutting off access to food, water, electricity, fuel, and medical supplies, creating a humanitarian catastrophe that amounts to collective punishment and genocide as defined under international law;

**WHEREAS**, independent media outlets, particularly Al Jazeera, have provided crucial documentation and reporting on the systematic nature of Israeli atrocities, despite facing targeted attacks, censorship, and intimidation by Israeli forces and their allies, highlighting the critical role of independent journalism in exposing genocide and holding perpetrators accountable;

**WHEREAS**, between 2018 and 2022, the Philippine government through the Duterte Administration, procured approximately Php 15 billion or \$275 million worth of military equipment from Israel, including light tanks, surveillance aircraft, armored vehicles, artillery systems, and drones from defense contractors like Elbi Systems, making the government materially liable in supporting Israel's military apparatus in Gaza;

**WHEREAS**, the Marcos Jr. administration has maintained this complicity with the Israeli occupation through continued military cooperation, arms trade agreements, and intelligence sharing arrangements that directly support the US-Israeli war machine;

**WHEREAS**, a notice to proceed dated Aug. 1, 2024, found on the Philippine Army website shows the approval of roughly Php 248.19-million contract for the provision of artillery, including 130 rounds projectile with a precision guided munition system, with Israel-based company Elbi Systems Land Ltd, further detailing the complicity of the Marcos Jr. Administration into Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's War Machine;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines continues to participate in and fund the US-Israeli military-industrial complex through various defense agreements, joint military exercises, and procurement deals that channel Filipino taxpayer money toward supporting genocide and occupation;

**WHEREAS**, the United States and European powers have provided unwavering political, military, and financial support to the Israeli occupation, enabling and facilitating the ongoing genocide through weapons supplies, diplomatic cover, and economic assistance;

**WHEREAS**, the Palestinian people's resistance against occupation, colonization, and genocide is a legitimate right under international law, including the right to armed resistance against foreign occupation as recognized by the United Nations;

**WHEREAS**, the Filipino people, having experienced centuries of colonialism and foreign domination, have a moral and historical obligation to stand in solidarity with all oppressed peoples fighting for liberation and self-determination;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives:


- Condemn in the strongest possible terms the ongoing genocide committed by Israeli occupation forces against the Palestinian people;
- Call upon the Marcos Jr. administration to immediately end all forms of complicity with the Israeli occupation, including termination of military cooperation agreements, existing arms purchase deals, and intelligence sharing arrangements;
- Urge the Philippine government to adopt a zero-budget policy toward any programs, projects, or agreements that directly or indirectly support Zionism and the Israeli occupation;

- Support the Palestinian people's right of return to their ancestral lands, in addition to the long-standing recognition by the Philippine government of the statehood of Palestine; and
- Demand that the Philippine government take a principled stance against the ongoing genocide by supporting international efforts to hold Benjamin Netanyahu and other Israeli officials accountable for war crimes and crimes against humanity;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Philippines, the Department of Foreign Affairs, all local government units, and relevant international bodies.

*Adopted,*

  
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