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Parliamentary resolution to downgrade South African embassy in Israel

“We know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians.” - Nelson Mandela

As the Palestine Solidarity Alliance, we are overjoyed at the passing of the Parliamentary resolution to downgrade the South African embassy in Israel. This signals a step in the right direction for South African solidarity for the Palestinian struggle for freedom from Apartheid and occupation. South Africans have stood steadfast in solidarity with the people of Palestine and will continue to do so until Palestine is liberated.

Given our own history of Apartheid, we know too well the devastating effects of such a system based on separation and discrimination. Israel continues to strengthen its settler-colonial project and the takeover of Palestinian land through its Apartheid laws and policies. The current extremist right wing government in Israel has been advancing this settler colonial project through various oppressive actions resulting in the loss of civilian lives in Palestine. The parliamentary decision to downgrade the South African embassy in Jerusalem therefore comes at a crucial time, a turning point in history which will show that as South Africans, we stood on the right side; the side of justice, equality, freedom, and human rights.

We applaud the National Freedom Party’s Ahmed Munzoor Shaik Emam, who introduced the resolution and who believes that by passing this resolution, we are sending a powerful message to the international community and global leaders that South Africa is an example of what is possible when we unite in the pursuit of justice and equality. While Israel normalises relations with numerous countries in the Middle East and in Africa, South Africans have always remained resolute in their solidarity with the people of Palestine. We hope that this will be the first step amongst many towards severing all ties, economic or otherwise, with the Apartheid state and we remain resolute in our attempts to continue lobbying our government and relevant stakeholders until this happens.

From the River to the Sea, Palestine will be free in our lifetime.

Aluta Continua!

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