

## **Progressive Coalition Calls on DNC to Condemn Israeli Occupation in Democratic Party Platform**

WASHINGTON – *Today, a coalition of 12 progressive organizations, including If Not Now Movement, Demand Progress, and Win Without War, released a joint statement in response to reports that the DNC platform would not include any reference to the decades-long Israeli military occupation of the Palestinian Territories:*

“We are outraged by reports that the DNC platform will, once again, fail to even mention the illegal and unjust Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory. Condemning the Israeli occupation by name should be the bare minimum for any leader of the Democratic Party. For years, those opposed to self-determination and basic human rights for Palestinians have controlled the terms of the debate in order to shield the Israeli government from consequences for its ongoing human rights violations against Palestinians. Democrats should commit to building a future in which all Palestinians and Israelis live under full equality by upholding a foreign policy that centers human rights and dignity for all people.

At a time when the ongoing injustices against Black people in this country have sparked a national conversation about how we can fundamentally rethink our priorities as a country, the reported strides the platform makes towards progressive domestic and foreign policy more broadly are heartening. To leave out the fundamental reality that Palestinians face, however, is out of touch with the rest of the reported platform and the views of Democratic voters, especially in this moment. We urge the DNC Platform Committee to have the courage to correctly name the situation on the ground — a necessary precursor to taking meaningful action that can hold the Israeli government accountable for ongoing violations of human rights and international law.”

*Asian American Advocacy Fund · American Muslims for Palestine · Beyond the Bomb · CODEPINK · Demand Progress · If Not Now Movement · Islamophobia Studies Center · Jewish Voice for Peace Action · Justice Democrats · Peace Action · RootsAction.org · Win Without War*

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