

Final statement; Jewish European Peace groups Meeting

" Don't say you didn't know"
Amsterdam, 19th & 20th of September 2002

We, representatives from eighteen Jewish peace organisations from nine European countries, gathered together at the conference "Don't say you didn't know" in Amsterdam on the 19 and 20th of September 2002, call upon:

- A) the Israeli government to change its current policy and implement the proposals in the following declaration and
- B) all other governments, the United Nations and the European Union to put pressure on the Israeli government to implement the proposals in the following declaration:

We believe that the only way out of the current impasse is through an agreement based on the creation of an independent and viable Palestinian state and the guarantee of a safe and secure Israel and Palestine.

This requires:

1. an immediate end of the occupation of the Occupied Territories: West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem with recognition of the 4th June 1967 borders;
2. complete withdrawal of all Jewish settlements in all the Occupied Territories;
3. the recognition of the right of both states to have Jerusalem as their capital;
4. the recognition by Israel of its part in the creation of the Palestinian refugee problem.

Israel should recognise in principle the Palestinian right to return as a human right. The practical solution to the problem will come about by agreement between parties based on just, fair and practical considerations. It will include compensation, the return to the territory of the State of Palestine or of Israel, without endangering Israel's existence. We call upon the international community, especially Europe, for political and financial support.

[Signatories:]

- An Other Jewish Voice (The Netherlands)
- Union des Progressistes Juifs de Belgique - UPJB (Belgium)
- Network of Jews Against Occupation, Rome (Italy)
- Group Martin Buber – Jews for Peace (UK)
- Friends of the Israeli Palestinian Coalition of Peace
- Just Peace (UK)
- Jews for Justice for Palestinians (UK)
- Jewish Socialist Group (UK)
- British Friends of Peace Now
- Rabbis for Human Rights (UK)
- Jewish Manifesto (Sweden)
- The Swedish Jewish Peace Group (Sweden)
- Jüdische Stimme für einen gerechten Frieden zwischen Israel und Palästina (Switzerland)
- Union Juive Française pour la paix - UJFP (France)
- Le Cercle Français de Juive Diasporique de Gauche C– Cercle Gaston Crémieux (France)
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