

## **5h. Eden Springs (Ethical Investment)**

### *Conference Believes:*

1. That NUS has a proud history of campaigning on global justice and ethical purchasing issues.
2. That Universities are public institutions with a dedicated commitment to the public good and their purchasing and investments should reflect this.
3. That water is a natural resource which is essential to life and access to water is a basic human right, as recognised by Amnesty International.
4. That the illegal appropriation of water for commercial use is particularly problematic in the Golan Heights, where resources are scarce and distributed unequally.
5. That NUS should campaign on ethical purchasing, in line with previous campaigns on ethical investment.

### **ADD Conference Believes**

- **That the NUS has a moral responsibility to heed the call of oppressed peoples like we did in the 1980s when adopting the BDS call by South Africans fighting racism and apartheid**
- **That the call for BDS has come from over 170 Palestinian civil society organisations as well as organisations within Israel**
- **that the campaign is founded on the basis of anti-racism and human rights for all**
- **that the BDS movement has united human rights campaigners from different nationalities, races, religions and creeds across the world**

### *Conference Resolves:*

1. To mandate the VP Society and Citizenship to write to the Chief Executive of Eden Springs outlining NUS' objections to their bottling plant in the Golan Heights and asking them to remove it.
2. For NUS to constructively engage with Eden Springs.
3. To release guidance for students campaigning on ethical purchasing, including information about Eden Springs and how best to engage with their universities, colleges or city councils to lobby them to cancel their contracts.
4. To research which universities and colleges have contracts with Eden Springs and work with local SUs to lobby universities to remove Eden Springs.

### **ADD Conference resolves**

- **Institute thorough research into our union's own contacts with investments and companies, including subcontractors, which may be implicated in violating Palestinian human rights as stated by the BDS movement**

**- Pressure universities and affiliate students' unions to divest from Israel and from companies directly or indirectly supporting the Israeli occupation and apartheid policies**

**- Promote students' union resolutions condemning Israeli violations of international law and human rights and endorsing BDS in any form**

**- Actively support and work with Palestine solidarity organisations such as the BDS Movement, Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Jews for Justice for Palestinians, British Committee for Palestinian Universities, Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions**

**- Affiliate NUS to the Palestine BDS National Committee and engage in education campaigns to publicize the injustice of Israel's discriminatory policies against the Palestinians and its illegal occupation**