

5g. **New Motion: Freedom for Palestine**

Conference believes

1. Israel's continuing oppression of the Palestinians has been compared by South African trade unions and activists including Desmond Tutu to the Apartheid regime.
2. Israel does not allow Palestinian refugees or their descendants to return to the territory from which they were expelled in 1948. The population of the Gaza strip is subject to a blockade described by the Director of UNRWA Operations as a "Medieval siege".
3. Palestinian organisations have called for a policy of boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel. The TUC supports a boycott of goods produced and companies operating in Israel's illegal settlements.

Conference resolves

1. To demand freedom for Palestine, calling for an end to the siege of Gaza and occupation of the West Bank and the right to return for all refugees.
2. To encourage unions to twin with universities in Palestine and to send an NUS delegation on future convoys to the Gaza strip
3. To join the TUC in promoting a boycott of goods produced and companies operating in Israel's illegal settlements