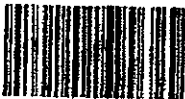


# REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

(Form of Petition to Parliament)



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TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF  
PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA,  
IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

(1) The name of the petitioner, the name of the petition, the date and place of presentation and (2) In the case of more than one petitioner, the names and place of residence.

The Petition of the undersigned (1)  
EDWIN ARISON FOR

THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR  
PALESTINE (NCP)

Respectfully sheweth: That (2)

(2) Must not be used for any other purpose than the presentation of a petition to the Speaker of Parliament and the members of the House of Assembly.

SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT AND  
SIGNATURES SUBMITTED IN TERMS  
OF ASSEMBLY RULE 31L

PETITION LODGED ON BEHALF OF  
PETITIONER BY MR Z.M.D MANDELA M.P

Wherefore your petitioner (or petitioners) prays (pray) that the Honourable Parliament will be pleased to take his (or their) case into favourable consideration, and grant such relief as it may deem fit.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signatures to follow)

**PETITION: TO THE HON SPEAKER  
MS BALEKA MBETE**

**FROM THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR PALESTINE**

**HANDED IN TO HON. MANDLA MANDELA**

**IN TERMS OF RULE 309 OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Notes that:

1. The British Mandate over Palestine had as a primary objective the implementation of the Balfour Declaration issued by the British Government in 1917 for the establishment in Palestine of a national home for Jewish people
2. UN Resolution 181(ii) of 1947 proposed the partitioning of Palestine into two independent states. This partition plan allocated 56.47% of the land to the 33% of the Jewish population who owned no more than 7% of the land.
3. The six day war of June 1967 saw Israel occupying additional territory in Palestine.
4. On 22 November 1967, The Security Council called on Israel to withdraw from territories occupied after the 1967 war. Resolution 242 of 22 November 1967 adopted unanimously stated "... and for the termination of claims or states of belligerency and respect for and acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every state in the area and their right to live in peace with secure and recognized boundaries free from threats and acts of force."
5. The Right of Return by Palestinian refugees must be accepted by Israel in accordance with the General Assembly Resolution 194 of 1948.
6. The Fourth Geneva Convention 1949, Article 49: states that the occupying power shall not deport or transfer parts of its civilian population into the territory it occupies.
7. Resolution 465 of 1980: determined that the Israeli policy of settlements in the occupied territories was illegal.

**Endorsed by South African civil society organizations and movements, unions and political groups:**

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**Further Notes:**

1. We assert the Inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, in particular their right to self determination without external interference and the right to national sovereignty with independence.
2. Since the 1948's occupation of Palestine by Israeli forces, the people of Palestine have been exposed to an ongoing process of displacement, subjugated to status of permanent refugees (the state of temporality, emergency and Hopelessness), and subjected to ongoing oppression. The assault on Palestinian civilians, the demolitions of homes, municipal infrastructure and hospitals represents the intent of Israeli authorities to permanently uproot Palestinians from Palestine.
3. Palestinians are scattered in seven localities, Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the general diaspora. We note that Palestinians in Israel are subjected to acute discrimination and racism in all their forms of life. Palestinians of the West Bank face oppression and humiliation from the illegal settlers, and are harassed by Israeli forces in pursuance of their policy to grab more land. Palestinians in the Gaza Strip have been exposed to four wars in the last ten years. In the four wars, 2617 civilians have been killed (22 July 2014).
4. In terms of the population size of Palestinian in the Gaza Strip, if the relative numbers comparison was made to South Africa (47 Million) it would equate to 72350 people in South Africa, murdered by a foreign colonial power.
5. Palestinians in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon are prohibited by the Israelis to return to Palestine, this constitutes 55% of population. The refugees in these countries have massacred on numerous occasions, Sabra, Shantilla in Lebanon, Jerash in Jordan, and in Syria they have remained for four months under siege in the Yamulk refugee camps.
6. Currently, the people of the Gaza Strip are facing a humanitarian disaster. Day after day the 'Israeli Defense Force' (IDF) is disseminating terror among civilians, shelling the Gaza Strip indiscriminately, destroying municipal infrastructure, demolishing houses, shelling schools hospitals and media centres. Israel has wilfully caused serious harm and injury to the people of Gaza in the 29 days of Israeli aggression:
7. The following are the statistics for the periods 8 July – 5 August 2014

1868 Palestinian Killed	structures
9567 Palestinians Injured	30920 houses damaged
485 000 people displaced	141 Schools damaged
5510 Demolished Structures	17 hospitals, 7 PHC clinics were
4674 Partially demolished	damaged

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10 hospitals and 44 primary health clinics were closed  
46 mosques cannot be used  
140 partially damaged  
10 Muslim cemeteries damaged

2 churches  
1 Christian cemetery damaged

Destruction of the electricity, water, waste water infrastructure.

8. The statistics are evidence of the prohibitive and excessive use of force and the extensive destruction of property.
9. This also constitutes collective punishment meted out to the people of Gaza. This collective punishment of the Palestinian people – a longstanding practice of the Israeli government – is illegal, inhumane and absolutely unacceptable;
10. The Israeli offensive has deepened the severe humanitarian crisis and suffering of the people of Gaza, with no intention by them of contributing to a lasting peaceful solution;
11. Since the siege on Gaza, the social and economic situation in the Gaza Strip is at its worst in 40 years;
12. 80% of Gaza's 1.8 million people are literally put on a diet by Israel, as they depend on international food aid and suffer with an unemployment rate of 40% or more;
13. Spare parts for hospitals and water purification cannot be imported
14. and hospitals cannot keep life-saving equipment working.

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**Recognizing:**

1. That the people of South Africa suffered oppression, racism and neo-colonialism and are committed to the achievement of freedom and justice in Palestine.
2. That the values entrenched in our constitution commits South Africans in its founding principles to the universal values of human dignity, the achievement of equality and the advancement of human rights and freedoms.

The National Coalition for Palestine on behalf of the thousands who signed this petition pledge their solidarity with the people of Palestine and condemn the current genocide on the people of Gaza by the Apartheid Israeli regime ; respectfully yet firmly demand that Parliament

1. Debate the plight of the Palestinian people as a matter of national importance in the National Assembly and resolve to
  - 1.1 To condemn the attacks on and killing of innocent people and the destruction of property including health facilities,
  - 1.2 Terminate all diplomatic relations with the State of Israel; in particular to recall the South African Ambassador to Israel and to ask Arthur Lenk, Israel's Ambassador to Pretoria, to return to where he comes from,
  - 1.3 Enact legislation to impose comprehensive economic sanctions against Israel,
  - 1.4 Through legislation and the monitoring ensure that there is an immediate end to all South Africa's military agreements or sales at a government to government level, and by the private sector,
  - 1.5 Oversee the investigations and prosecutions of those South African who have been charged for serving in the Israeli Defense Force in contravention of Foreign Military Assistance Act.
  - 1.6 Draft regulation to exclude South African corporations from doing business with the state if they or the international corporations that they are part of, are found to be complicit in contravening human rights, for example Cape Gate and G4S.
  - 1.7 Develop policy to create capacity for South African diamonds to be polished in South Africa, thereby ensuring that diamonds originating in South Africa are not polished in Israel, and through the Kimberley process classify all Israeli cut diamonds as blood diamonds,
  - 1.8 Raise the contraventions of the international treaties by Israel at the International Parliamentary Union, Commonwealth Parliamentary Union and African Parliamentary

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Union and urge these Parliaments to take similar measures.

1.5 Urge the Executive to raise the matter of the Contraventions of International Treaties with the UN, and ensure that all South Africans assisting the IDF are charged by the International Criminal Court.

Further recognizes that the gap between the demands of civil society and the ruling party proclamations and government actions and appears to be prepared to do, on the other is far too wide! We expect an elected government to listen to the voice of the people!

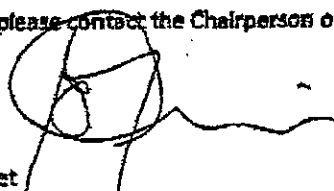
We expect a government whose members are deployed to their positions by a specific party to heed the voice of that party – not lobbies for a foreign government – even these lobbies masquerade as the representatives of a specific religious group!

Enough is enough!

On this day of 9 August 2014

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