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## Arms Trade with Israel

### Ireland's support for continuing violence

#### Irish companies' contribution to violence and war crimes

Israeli violence, a characteristic of its ongoing occupation of Palestine is perpetrated with the active support of Irish companies. Government figures show that Irish companies have exported €6.42 million worth of military and dual use components to Israel in the last five years. These are used to perpetrate and support war crimes such as collective punishment, settlement building and the continuation of a brutal military occupation. In the last five years alone, the Israeli army has killed almost 3,000 Palestinians.

#### Ireland's support of Israeli arms companies.

Israeli companies market their weapons and security systems as "battle proven", which in reality means tested on human subjects in the Occupied Palestinian Territories of Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. The use of new untested weapons was most notably demonstrated during Israel's 52 day killing spree in Gaza in July and August 2014 resulting in a Palestinian death toll of 2,104, including 495 children.

The purchase of Israeli military equipment by the Irish Government, in effect, supports this violence. In response to a Parliamentary Question, the Dept. of Defence stated that since 2005 Ireland has purchased in the region of €14.7 million worth of military equipment from Israel and Israeli arms companies.

#### Partnerships with Israeli arms companies

The current government plans to use the EU innovation mechanism Horizon 2020 to upgrade the Irish Defence Forces. Under EU agreements, Israel has full access to Horizon 2020 and is likely to retain its links with the Irish Defence Forces through this mechanism.

#### To support peace and justice - Ireland must act

The Irish Government by continuing its arms trade with Israel is complicit in grave breaches of international law.

We ask you to pledge to the following:

**Arms Trade:** Ireland should seek to suspend military export licenses to Israel and suspend Department of Defence public procurement from Israeli arms companies.