

**A Statement\* by the Palestine General Federation of Trade Unions (PGFTU)**

and the Palestinian Trade Union Blocs and Frameworks

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Based on the national and trade union position, which PGFTU has always been a part of, representing the unified national and trade union framework for all Palestinian trade union and labor blocs and frameworks, PGFTU with all its organizations, branches and member trade unions stresses its advanced historic and national role in the Palestinian national movement [in the struggle] to accomplish the national tasks, at the forefront of which is putting an end to the Israeli occupation and colonization and establishing an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and with the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes from which they were expelled.

In addition, our Federation unambiguously states its principled and committed position for the boycott of Israel in all international forums, and appreciates all international forces, institutions and trade unions that stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people and adopt this position. PGFTU and its member trade unions reiterates that it has been and will always be a key and authentic part of the Palestinian national coalition for the boycott [the BDS National Committee, BNC] and confirms the necessity of supporting the national Palestinian production and of building an [independent] economy free from economic dependency.

[...]

Together we continue on the path of national and social struggle

Long live the unity of our people and its national forces

Long live the unity of the Palestinian trade union movement

Glory and immortality to our martyrs and freedom to our prisoners.

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**Secretary General Shaheer Sa'ed and the members of the Executive Committee**

Endorsed by: Youth Workers Movement, Central Office for the Workers Movement, Progressive Workers Block, Progressive Labor Union Front, Workers Unity Block, Workers Struggle Block, Labor Solidarity Organization

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