

PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT:

We, as informed and concerned Australian citizens, request that the House of Representatives takes a position on the Palestine/Israel conflict which will promote the implementation of United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 181 and 194 and Security Council Resolution 242.

We urge the House of Representatives to adopt a more balanced perspective than in its 12th March 2008 motion in which Australia wholeheartedly and uncritically endorsed the Israeli Day of Independence. We urge the House of Representatives to also acknowledge that Israel's day of Independence marks the day of the dispossession of Palestinian people from their homeland. We also urge House of Representatives to acknowledge the Palestinians' continual struggle to return to their homeland.

We implore the House of Representatives to condemn Israel's continued expansion of its illegal Jewish-only settlements in the West Bank, including Arab East Jerusalem, and the daily ritual humiliation and deaths of Palestinian people within the Occupied Territories.