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Every State has the Legal Responsibility to Impose Sanctions

President,

We have witnessed 2 years of unabated Israeli genocide, confirmed by UN Special Procedures and others.

By failing to impose sanctions, their minimum obligation, States have enabled the Israeli regime in its genocide and multiple international crimes.

By supplying weapons and parts, States are also complicit in genocide.

By defunding UNRWA, failing to confront the banning of its operations and to protect its employees and premises, allowing the continuation of the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation and failing to ensure the delivery of aid, States are complicit in the weaponization of aid, famine, forced displacement and genocide.

The obligation to prevent and stop genocide is binding on all states, individually and collectively.

The obligation cannot be replaced by recognition or declarations, nor can it be excused by lack of consensus or majority.

Imposing sanctions does not require the approval of the UN Security Council, nor a provision by the International Court of Justice.

The imposition of political, economic and military sanctions is not a hostile act, but the legal responsibility of each and every state, and the most effective measure to stop Israeli genocide and international crimes.

Thank you.