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Food Security and Self-Determination in Palestine

President,

BADIL thanks the Special Rapporteur for his report, making clear that land rights are inseparable from the realization of the right to food, and that decisions over land and water in food production express self-determination. While resource exploitation drives hunger, the systematic denial of access to land constitutes a direct assault on people's self-determination.

In Palestine, the Israeli regime has constructed a comprehensive legal, military, and administrative system that systematically denies the Palestinian people the right to their land, resources, and food systems across Mandatory Palestine. Palestinians face ongoing land confiscation, forced displacement, and concentrated land ownership under a regime rooted in colonization, forced transfer, and apartheid.

In Gaza, UN Security Council Resolution 2803 and the annexed Trump 20-point plan, place the territory under the control of the Board of Peace, dominated by the United States and the Israeli regime. In this framework, starvation, food insecurity, access to land, and reconstruction are being managed and manipulated under foreign authority, turning aid into a tool of political control and violating Palestinian self-determination.

Food security in Palestine is not merely humanitarian or political; it concerns the Palestinian people's ability to control their land, resources, economy, and livelihoods. Ultimately, food security is integral to the exercise of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and return.

To ensure Palestinian food and political sovereignty, BADIL calls on UN member states to:

1. Reject any solutions not grounded in international law, including boycotting the Board of Peace.
2. Restore the Palestinian people's sovereignty over Mandatory Palestine by implementing their right to reparations, including return to their homes of origin, land and property restitution, compensation, and guarantees of non-repetition, thereby ensuring the exercise of their right to self-determination.
3. End their complicity and impose the full spectrum of sanctions against the Israeli regime to end its 77 year system of foreign domination against the Palestinian people and over Mandatory Palestine.

Thank you