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States Obligations to Impose Sanctions are not Deferrable nor Derogable

President

Under Article I of the Genocide Convention, states have an obligation of conduct to employ all means available to prevent genocide. The prohibition of genocide is recognized as a peremptory norm: it cannot be deferred or derogated from by any state or corporation.

This obligation requires every state party to act to prevent genocide, and extends extraterritorially to include duties to avoid complicity and punish perpetrators.

Political deadlock within the UN Security Council cannot paralyze the independent legal duties of individual states. The ICJ's provisional measures - strengthened by the findings of UN commissions, experts and special procedures - require sanctions. States are not permitted to defer their obligations for a final ICJ verdict or a Security Council decision.

And yet, as the Israeli regime's genocide is about to enter its fourth year, states maintain genocide denial, not only failing to take meaningful action but also enabling the genocide through military assistance, political and diplomatic backing, economic cooperation, obstruction of humanitarian and multilateral systems, as well as promoting propaganda and disinformation.

Every state must act now, to end their complicity and stop the genocide through comprehensive sanctions against the Israeli regime.

Thank you