Palestinian Civil Society Salutes California Dockworkers and Endorses their “Block-the-Boat” BDS Action

Occupied Palestine, 23 September 2014 – The Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions National Committee (BNC), the largest coalition in Palestinian society and the reference for the global BDS movement for Palestinian rights warmly salutes the Oakland, California dockworkers and community activists for their principled, ongoing and effective solidarity with the Palestinian struggle for freedom, justice and equality. We wholeheartedly endorse the planned port action to take place later this month.

By blocking an Israeli Zim ship for four consecutive days in August, at the height of the Israeli massacre in Gaza, Oakland workers and activists succeeded in standing, in deed and in word, with the 1.8 million Palestinians in the besieged and occupied Strip.

The Call from Gaza that was issued on 5 September, the BNC and the main trade and professional unions, women’s associations and mass movements in Gaza, called for:

“Building effective direct action against Israel and Israeli companies, such as the inspiring Block the Boat actions that prevented Israeli ships from unloading in California and Seattle … .”

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