

## **Motion: M5S: Gaza, a genocide. Italy must recall ambassador to Israel immediately**

Motion presented to the Italian Chamber of Deputies by M5S on 22 July 2014

The Italian Government must immediately recall our ambassador to Israel, Mr. Francesco Maria Talò, and firmly condemn the genocide being committed by the State of Israel in the Gaza Strip, where, until today - according to the estimates of various humanitarian organisations - nearly 600 Palestinians have lost their lives.

The most recent Unicef data according to which at least 121 Palestinian children have been killed in Gaza since the beginning of the crisis and Israel's refusal to call a humanitarian truce earlier today, persuades us of the need to take a plain, unambiguous stance with regards to a country whose military operations are today an explicit crime against humanity, also considering the current Italian presidency of the European Union.

Last week, we formulated seven proposals #PerCessareIlFuoco ("for a ceasefire"):

1. Italy is Israel's top commercial partner in Europe for trade of weapons. We propose the immediate stop of all orders in accordance with Law 195 of 1990.
2. Mr. Letta stipulated 12 agreements with Mr. Netanyahu on 12 December 2013. We propose to suspend the agreements until the incessant bombing of Gaza ceases.
3. The Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories are illegal (UN resolutions). We propose to stop all commercial agreements with Israeli companies operating in the occupied territories immediately.
4. We propose to ask the European Union to issue new labelling guidelines for Israeli products to allow to distinguish the products made in illegally occupied territories from those coming from the State of Israel.
5. Euro-Mediterranean partnership agreements of 1998 include the elimination of duty taxes in trade between Mediterranean countries. We propose to ask the European Union to revise duty tax as possible sanction instrument for countries which fail to respect human and international rights.
6. The United Nations Security Council is the organ called to deliberate on acts of aggression or threats to international peace and security. Unfortunately, the Council is not an independent body. The five permanent members (the United Kingdom, the USA, France, China and Russia) have right of veto on the decisions taken by the majority of the Council. Italy must lead a political battle to eliminate this injustice used by the superpowers to cancel rulings made against their friends.
7. We demand the Italian government find a way to be compensated when Israel or Hamas steal or destroy humanitarian aids intended for civilian population.

We now add another proposal, the eighth: to recall our ambassador to Israel!

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