

Histadrut Statement on Gaza-10.6.10

Histadrut is committed to the existence of two sovereign, independent and democratic states existing in peace and mutual respect. The partial blockade of Gaza was put in place by Israel in response to attacks by Hamas and others on people in Israel. Histadrut recognises the impacts that this has had on the people of Gaza, and reaffirms its commitment to humanitarian assistance to improve the situation in Gaza.

The current situation is unsustainable, from the economic, political and humanitarian perspective. Histadrut therefore supports the lifting of the restrictions in the shortest possible time frame, in conditions of real movement to achieving the two-state solution. This can only be achieved on the basis of guarantees for Israel's security including the inspection of cargoes, and the good will and commitment of all the parties, including the international community, to alleviate the suffering of all those affected and to bring economic progress to Gaza in parallel with genuine moves for fully-fledged democracy and peace.