



Russell Tribunal on Palestine

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Final Agenda

Russell Tribunal on Palestine first International Session

Barcelona-1st till 3rd of March 2010

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Monday 1st March 2010

10am-11.30am. Opening speech by Stephane Hessel, Ambassador of France, and co-author of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

Intervention on the violations of international law and UN resolutions committed by the State of Israel by Felicia Langer (Germany), Human Rights attorney, author, recipient of the Right Livelihood award, Bruno Kreisky Award and German Federal Cross of Merit, Vicky Peña (Spain), Film, Theatre and Television Actress, Gustave Massiah (France), Economist, Urbanist and Political analyst, founder of ATTAC France Pilar Sampietro (Spain), Broadcaster, "Mediterráneo" on Radio Nacional de España (Radio 3) and Lluís Llach (Spain) composer and songwriter. One of the main representatives of "Nova Cançó" a movement of musicians and singers who defied Franco.

Presentation on the organisation and aims of the first session of the Russell Tribunal On Palestine by Pierre Galand (Belgium), on behalf of the International Organising Committee.

11.30am. Break

12noon-1.30pm. "The right to self determination of the Palestinian people"

Interventions by Madjid Benchikh (Algeria) Expert, Professor of Public International Law and former dean at the Faculty of Law, Algiers, David Bondia (Spain) Expert, Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at the University of Barcelona and Daragh Murray (Ireland/Palestine) Witness, Legal Advisor from the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights.

1.30pm-3.00pm. Lunch

3.00pm-4.45pm. "The Annexation of East Jerusalem"

Interventions by Ghada Karmi (Palestine) Expert, Author and Physician, Meir Margalit (Israel) Witness, Member of the Jerusalem city council and the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, Charles Shamas (Palestine) Witness, Founder of the MATTIN group and former legal advisor to the ICRC.

4.45pm. Break

5.15pm-7.00pm. "Settlements and the plundering of natural resources"

Interventions by James Phillips (Ireland) Expert, Barrister and Michael Sfard (Israel) Witness, Barrister and Charles Shamas (Palestine) Witness, Founder of the MATTIN group and former legal advisor to the ICRC.

End of day 1

Tuesday 2nd March 2010

9.30am-11.30am. "The EU-Israel Association Agreement"

Interventions by Agnes Bertrand (Belgium) Expert, Researcher and Middle East specialist with APRODEV, Patrice Bouveret (France) Expert, President of the Armaments Observatory, Veronique De Keyser (Belgium) Witness, Member of the European Parliament and Raül Romeva (Spain), Witness, Member of the European Parliament.

11.30am. Break

12.00am-1.30pm: “The EU-Israel Association Agreement”

Interventions by Phil Shiner (UK) Expert, Barrister and Clare Short (UK) Witness, Member of Parliament and former Secretary of State for International Development.

1.30pm: Lunch Break

3.00pm-4.45pm: “The Gaza Blockade and operation Cast Lead”

Interventions by Derek Summerfield (UK) Expert, Honorary senior lecturer at London’s Institute of Psychiatry and Desmond Travers (Ireland) Witness, Retired colonel and member of the UN fact-finding mission that produced the Goldstone Report, Ewa Jasiewicz (Poland) Witness, Journalist and volunteer with emergency medical services during Operation Cast Lead and Raji Sourani (Palestine) Witness, Founder and Director of The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights in Gaza.

4.45pm: Break

5.15pm-7.00pm: “The Wall built in the occupied Palestinian territories”

Interventions by Francois Dubuisson (Belgium) Expert, Law professor at the Universite Libre de Bruxelles and Francis Wurtz (France) Witness, Former Member of the European Parliament.

End of day 2

Wednesday 3rd March 2010

12am - 2pm: “Press conference”

The jury will announce its conclusions and recommendations and will answer the following 6 questions:

1. Have the European Union and its member states breached their obligation to promote and ensure respect for the Palestinian people’s right of self-determination? Have they cooperated with a view to halting any serious violation of that right? Have they aided or abetted any violation of that right?
2. Have the European Union and its member states breached their obligation to ensure respect for international humanitarian law vis-à-vis the Palestinian people in the case of the blockade of the Gaza Strip and the “Cast Lead” military operation conducted by Israel from 27 December 2008 to 18 January 2009? Have they cooperated with a view to ending any serious violation of that law? Have they aided or abetted any violation of that law?
3. Have the European Union and its member states breached their obligation to ensure respect for international humanitarian law and the right of the Palestinian people to sovereignty over their natural resources in the context of Israel’s building of settlements and pillage of natural resources in the Occupied Palestinian Territories? Have they cooperated with a view to ending any serious violation of the law and right in question? Have they aided or abetted any violation of the law and right in question?
4. Have the European Union and its member states breached their obligation to ensure respect for international humanitarian law, the principle of non-acquisition of territory by force and the Palestinian people’s right of self-determination in the case of the annexation by Israel of East Jerusalem? Have they cooperated with a view to ending any serious violation of the law, principle and right in question? Have they aided or abetted any violation of the law, principle and right in question?
5. Have the European Union and its member states breached their obligation to ensure respect for international law in connection with the construction of the wall by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territories? Have they cooperated with a view to halting any serious violation of that law? Have they aided or abetted any violation of that law?
6. Have the European Union and its member states breached their obligation to ensure respect for international law and European law in the context of the agreements signed between the European Union and the State of Israel?