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Dear Colleagues,

Please accept this statement in support of the Emergency Resolution in Support of the Palestinian Liberation and Berkeley Law Students Confronting Repression.


This resolution is consistent with the NLG's longstanding support for the people of Palestine. The students of Berkeley Law have shown courage in adopting resolutions or policies condemning support Zionism, the apartheid state of Israel, and the occupation of Palestine. They need our continued support as NLG members to confront those who oppose their courageous stand in favor of international human rights law and in favor of the values that underlie the US Constitution. This resolution is a modest gesture of NLGs continued support for the Palestinian People and those who support their right to self-determination.

Israel's oppression of Palestinians is the longest-standing unresolved serious human rights issue on the agenda of the United Nations. Israel's actions for almost a century have amounted to inhumane oppression and the creation conditions of life that by the admission of several of their leaders are intended to destroy the Palestinian people in whole or in part. This is the definition of genocide in the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.¹

It is hoped the NLG will continue to stand by the students of Berkeley Law and Palestinian People through the humble gesture of support this resolution reflects.

Personally, I also hope not only that the NLG membership will adopt this resolution with a resounding majority, but that special efforts will be taken by the NLG members who can to support the Palestinian People, their cause of self-determination, and all those, who like the students at Berkeley Law, are supporting Palestinians.

Respectful regards,



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¹ Genocide, as well as attempt incitement, conspiracy and complicity to commit it, is defined as acts "committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such" including "[k]illing members of the group...[c]ausing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group...[d]eliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part...[i]mposing measures intended to prevent births within the group...[or f]orcibly transferring children of the group to another group."