

**Motion regarding the signing of the Free Trade Agreement between Israel and Mercosur**

In the coming two months Mercosur plans to sign a free trade agreement with Israel.

The workers convened in the ninth congress of CUT (United Committee of the Workers):

- 1- Condemns Israel's colonial, racist occupation of the Palestinian territories and its Apartheid nature as well as the non compliance of Israel with the resolutions of the UN referring to the Palestine.
- 2- Condemns the construction of the Apartheid Wall built by Israel which confiscates Palestinian lands and separates Palestinians from their lands, families and cities.
- 3- Demands that Israel stops the construction of the Apartheid Wall, demolishes the hundreds of kilometres already built and complies with the decision of the International Court of Justice, issued on the 9th of July 2004 that states the illegality of the construction of this brutal Wall.
- 4- Appeals to the member states of Mercosur not to sign the Free Trade Agreement with Israel until it complies with the UN resolutions and withdraws unconditionally from the territories occupied in 1967.
- 5- Solicits the Brazilian government to present a proposal of Trade Cooperation with the legal representatives of the Palestinian people.
- 6- Supports the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to Return and their self-determination in conforming with UN resolutions and their legitimate right to establish an independent and sovereign Palestinian, with Jerusalem as its capital.

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