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**Palestinian Farmers Union (PFU)**

Ramallah, Monday, 12, 2006

**From: Palestinian farmers Union**

**To: Sid Ryan, President CUPE Ontario  
CUPE Ontario Executive Members  
Katherine Nastovski, Chair, CUPE Ontario Intern. Solidarity Committee.**

**To: The Canadian Union of Public Employees, Ontario branch**

**Object: CUPE Ontario Resolution n. 50**

In the name of the Palestinian farmers Union representing 9400 Palestinian *farmers in 13 branches* in the West Bank and Gaza\*, we would like to express our full support to Resolution 50 of the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), passed on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2006.

Palestinian civil society and political parties, including the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions, all over Palestine and in the diaspora have given out on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2005 a unified statement calling for international boycott, divestment and sanctions on Israel.

Be assured that our Farmers, their organizations and our people all over the world have highly welcomed your decision to support this call until Israel meets its obligation to recognize the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination and fully complies with the precepts of international law including the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194.

We want to encourage the members of CUPE and its executive not to hesitate in the implementation of the outlined research and awareness raising process and to do their best to ensure the call for boycott, divestment and sanctions will have concrete effects on the ground.

The inevitable attacks of the pro-Israel lobby you are facing at the moment should not stop anybody but rather highlight the necessity of a widespread awareness raising campaign on the apartheid nature of the Israeli state and Canadian support for these practises. Your decision shows a strong commitment to international standards of Human Rights and can lead the way for many other Trade Unions to follow you. An informed public will not have any doubt about your ethical stands against oppression, occupation and racism.

**Thanking you for your solidarity in this crucial moment,**

**Palestinian Farmers Union**