

Date: June 21, 2006

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

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

**From:** The Palestinian Rural Women's Development Society

**Subject: Support Note in Regards to the CUPE Ontario Resolution No.50**

In the name of the PRWDS, representing 83 active grassroots women clubs in rural areas in The West bank and Gaza Strip, who count 12.000 members and thousands of supporters, we would like to express our full and committed support to resolution 50 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)- Ontario Branch, passed on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2006.

We wish to extend our deep appreciation and high respect of your ethical commitment to support the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination and dignity. Your courageous position is in full harmony with the call of the civil society organizations and representatives, including our association for international solidarity to boycott, and to impose sanctions on Israel until it meet its obligation to the UN resolutions with regards to the Palestinian people's rights.

It is important to inform you that the vise majority of the Palestinian women and the Palestinian people in general are behind you, and urging you not to hesitate in the implementation of the outlined research and awareness raising process, and to ensure the call for the boycott.

We are award of the extensive intimidation attempts by the pro- Israel groups, and the Zionist movements' high pressure to repeal your stand. We call upon all members and activists of CUPE to hold strict to their stance, in spite of the critical and intense situation proposed.

We, here though, wish to extend our deep gratitude to your brave initiative, that clearly reflect your strong perceptions of the global human rights values,

human solidarity and world peace- the only guarantee to the future of the coming generations on our planet.

**Thank you for your solidarity in this crucial moment of our history,**

**Respectfully, Yours**

**Fadwa Khader**

**General Director of PRWDS**