WILPF Resolution on the Middle East

*The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)*, meeting at the Quadrennial Congress in San José, Costa Rica in August 2011,

*Reaffirming* its previous resolutions on the Middle East, passed every year since 1989, which affirm the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people including the right to self-determination, the right of return, and the right to establish an independent state of Palestine at the pre-1967 borders and call for the implementation of UN Security Council resolutions 242, 252, 338, 465, 1322 and UN General Assembly resolution 194,

*Continuing to strongly support* the international Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel and *condemning* the prosecution of the Israelis who support the campaign,

*Emphasizing* that any effort to seek diplomatic recognition for a Palestinian state must not undermine or detract from efforts to establish such a state or to achieve true equality for Palestinians and that diplomatic recognition must not be used as a mechanism for the continuation of the status quo,

*Expressing concern* that recognition of a Palestinian state that is still under Israeli occupation might do nothing to change the conditions or restore the rights of millions of Palestinians,

1. *Demands* the immediate cessation of Israel’s illegal occupation of Palestine;

2. *Demands* that the submission of a resolution in September 2011 to the United Nations calling for the recognition of an independent sovereign state of Palestine based on the 4 June 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital, not undermine Palestinian’s pursuit of real liberation and self-determination; and

3. *Condemns* the illegal blockade of Gaza and calls on Israel and the international community to uphold international law and to facilitate the passage of humanitarian assistance.