



5<sup>th</sup> August, 2014

To: All Local Authorities

A Chara,

I wish to bring to your attention the following motion which was passed by Donegal County Council at its meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2014:-

"That Donegal County Council expresses its solidarity with the besieged Palestinian people and condemns the current atrocities in Gaza.

It calls on the Government to send a clear message to Israel that these acts of war are against international law and to request an immediate ceasefire.

It also calls on the Government to expel the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland until all hostilities are ended, unilateral peace talks are entered into, and the human rights of the Palestinian people are respected, whilst also criticising the Irish Governments stance in abstaining from the UN vote.

That the people of Donegal boycott Israeli goods and that any national investment in Israel is withdrawn by the Government.

A copy of the motion to be circulated to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Israeli Ambassador, the US Ambassador and to all other Local Authorities.

It was further agreed to officially welcome the Palestinian Ambassador to Donegal on the 14th August, 2014."

Members called on all Local Authorities concerned to note and formally endorse the motion.

Yours sincerely

Liam Ward

Meetings Administrator

