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To: **President Jacob Zuma**
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Deputy President Kgalema Monthlante
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Chairperson Baleka Mbete
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Secretary General Gwede Mantashe
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Revolutionary and Fraternal Greetings,

On the occasion of the ANC's 53rd National Elective Conference, Fatah extends its gratitude to the ANC for its long-standing commitment and support of the Palestinian struggle for liberation and self-determination. We also appreciate your continuous support in international forums such as at the United Nations.

We welcome the proposed resolutions on Palestine as produced by the ANC June 2012 Policy Conference – it reaffirms our struggle and our fraternal relationship. We hope that these proposed resolutions will be fully adopted at the ANC's upcoming Mangaung Elective conference. We do however have one brotherly request for the ANC to consider resolving on.

In addition to the BDS campaign and large-scale boycotts targeting institutions and companies implicated and complicit in the Israeli occupation and apartheid, Fatah, the movement leading the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority, view the Israeli settlements as illegitimate and an obstruction to any just peace. We have accordingly initiated an official boycott of the products of companies that operate in Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory, among other BDS initiatives aimed at holding Israel accountable to its obligations under international law.



Fatah stands fully behind the BDS movement and we welcome the South African Government's initiative to prevent the false labeling of these Israeli settlement products but we hope that the ANC, as a political party and our fraternal organization in South Africa, could support us by adopting a ban on products of companies operating in Israeli settlements as a practical step to end Israel's impunity.

Israel's settler colonies violate several UN resolutions and hamper any peace processes and progress. In the same spirit of internationalism that helped the ANC and the people of South Africa overcome apartheid and accomplish their freedom, we hope that the ANC will favorably consider our request above to support our struggle for self determination, freedom and justice.

Strength to the ANC as it moves from 100 strong years, to another 100 revolutionary years.

Your struggle is ours, and ours is yours

Dr.Nabeel Ali Shaath

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