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### **PSI SC-20 Statement**

#### **SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE**

Public Services International (PSI) is an international trade union federation representing public sector trade unions in 153 countries and territories, including Palestine, and its more than 20 million affiliated members around the world.

At its 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, on 17-18 May 2018, the PSI Steering Committee unanimously approved to support and solidarize with the victims of the Great March of Return and their families, as well as those who peacefully protested the US Embassy transfer to Jerusalem, on 14 May 2018.

PSI voices its strongest rejection on the excessive use of force against unarmed civilians, including women, children and senior citizens, and regrets the huge number people killed and injured by Israeli security forces. Thus, PSI supports UN Secretary-General António Guterres' call for an independent inquiry into the violence, which could be flagrant violations of international law.

PSI has [launched a campaign urging all affiliates to call on the governments of their countries](#) to take immediate action to stop the targeting of health workers in conflict zones in general and Gaza in particular. Health workers are #NotTargets.

Online: <http://www.world-psi.org/en/notatarget-lives-health-workers-gaza-must-be-protected>

PSI will be following closely the situation in Palestine and will support and advocate for initiatives aimed at improving the situation of Palestinian people.

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