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## To: All Council Chief Executives in Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland

Dear Chief Executive

### **Re: Motion - Implementation of our BDS support in relation to PSNI/An Garda Síochána partnerships with Israeli security forces and companies with involvement in illegal Israeli settlements**

At the Council meeting held on 2 June 2021, the Council approved the following Motion: -

**The Israeli Human Rights Organisation, B'Tselem, and the UN Human Rights Watch have both recently reported that Israel is guilty of crimes of apartheid and persecution, and the 'Ministry for Public Security' was strongly criticised for their treatment of Palestinians in the HRW As a Council who has adopted and is supportive of the Palestinian call for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council hereby call on the Chief Constable of the PSNI and the Garda Commissioner, as well as the Department of Justice & Policing Board in the North and Minister for Justice & Policing Authority in the South, to immediately withdraw their respective forces from any and all partnerships with the Israeli ministry responsible for police and prisons (Ministry of Public Security) and from companies which are involved in surveillance in illegal Israeli settlements report.**

**Patrick Corrigan from Amnesty International noted that "as a matter of urgency, the PSNI should suspend all programmes with the Israeli police and security services where there's a clear risk of involvement in human rights violations...[the] police service must ensure it is not implicated in Israel's human rights violations. The distressing scenes from East Jerusalem and Gaza should now be a wake-up call."**

**As such, and mindful of our BDS commitments, we call on the PSNI Chief Constable and Garda Commissioner to immediately cease all partnership and involvement with the security forces of apartheid Israeli. In support of this we call on all Councils on this island to back this motion and lend their voices in support of the Palestinian call for international solidarity and BDS action".**

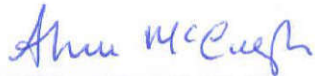
**Furthermore, this Council calls on An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, to expel the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland due to the ongoing de facto annexation of Palestine and further requests that Minister for Foreign Affairs, Simon Coveney TD, use his position as representative for Ireland on the UN Security Council to seek full enforcement of the UN resolutions on Occupied Palestine and East Jerusalem and that the Dublin government also calls on the EU to place sanctions on Israel. We also call on the Dublin government to**

**recognise the State of Palestine. Furthermore, that this Council invites the Palestinian Ambassador to Ireland, Dr Jilan Wahba Abdalmajid, to meet with the Council so that we may convey our solidarity and support, through her, to the Palestinian people.**

Representations have been made to each of the bodies included in the above Motion calling them to take the actions requested within.

The Council requests that you take the action requested of your Department as outlined in the Motion above, and it looks forward to receiving your response in due course.

Yours sincerely



**Alison McCullagh**  
**Chief Executive**