

# TPCGP-25

People's Tribunal on Complicity with the Palestinian Genocide in the Spanish State

## FINAL RESOLUTION

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#### I. Nature and Mandate of the Tribunal

1. The the People's Tribunal on Complicity with the Palestinian Genocide within the Spanish State (TPCGP-25) is a tribunal of conscience, composed of figures from the legal, academic, cultural and human rights fields, convened by the University Network for Palestine (RUxP) and civil society organisations with the aim of examining, from the perspective of international law and public ethics, the conduct of state and non-state actors in their links to the occupation, apartheid and genocide of the Palestinian people.
2. This Tribunal does not have state jurisdictional authority, nor does it aspire to it. It follows the tradition of the Russell I and II Tribunals, internationally recognized for their contribution to denouncing massive human rights violations and strengthening universal moral conscience. Its objective is to study, understand and mobilise Spanish civil society.
3. The Tribunal examines the possible responsibility, by action or omission, of the Spanish State and the companies, organisations and institutions under its jurisdiction that contribute to and/or benefit from serious violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law in the aforementioned context, including their possible failure to fulfil their duty to prevent international crimes such as war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide.

## II. Material Jurisdiction and Regulatory Framework

4. The Tribunal examines the facts in light of the principles and norms recognised by:

- \* The Charter of the United Nations.
- \* The 1949 Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols.
- \* The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948).
- \* The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, as a codified expression of international criminal law.
- \* The body of international human rights law and the general principles of law recognised by the community of nations.
- \* The United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to "protect, respect and remedy" (Resolution 17/4 2011)
- \* The doctrine consolidated by the Russell Tribunal and the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal on the rights of peoples, self-determination and indirect responsibility or complicity.

## III. On the Facts and Evidence Considered

Following the investigations, analysis and evaluation of the reports presented by the working groups of the seven thematic panels, the Tribunal considers the facts presented to be proven and issues the following conclusions:

5. It has been demonstrated and documented that the Spanish State has been collaborating for decades with the occupation, apartheid and ongoing *Nakba* and, ultimately, with genocide, in violation of international law and, with it, the prohibition on third states aiding or assisting another in the commission of international crimes. The Spanish government was and is fully aware of the illegalities and war crimes committed by the Israeli state, yet this information has not led to the corresponding measures being taken to suspend economic and diplomatic relations or to impose the sanctions required by numerous international resolutions.

6. A case of particular relevance is that of the *Global Sumud Flotilla*, attacked by Israeli occupation forces, who kidnapped, mistreated and deported 49 people with Spanish passports. The government "acted" by abandoning its legal obligation to take the necessary measures to protect the rights of its citizens.

7. The expansion of the military-police-security industry, together with Zionist lobbying practices, fuels the web of business, social and political interests that shape the agendas of the actors involved. This web of interests is sustained and reinforced by a "state-corporate symbiosis" in which the public administrations of complicit states such as Spain act as instrumental appendages of the markets, especially corporations dedicated to the production of harm and death.

8. A network of state, national and international companies actively participates in the business of genocide, providing services, manufacturing products, feeding the economic and logistical machinery of the occupation and reinforcing its logic of spatial capture and systematic oppression.

9. Over the last two years, Spanish ports have become crucial enclaves on the routes that supply weapons and energy to Israel's genocidal regime. These ports, public infrastructures financed with collective resources, have become logistical hubs for a genocidal machinery that sustains the occupation, apartheid and systematic destruction of Palestine. Routes and stopovers are repeated regularly, with the ports of Algeciras, Valencia, Barcelona, Cartagena and the naval base at Rota playing different roles in the same network. Spanish ports are part of an integrated genocidal logistics system.

10. The evidence presented shows that the Armed Bank has played a crucial role in the production and use of weapons used in Gaza. Santander and BBVA banks, followed by Caixabank, Ibercaja, Banca March, etc., are both beneficiaries and essential facilitators of the extermination of the Palestinian people.

11. It has been documented that companies in the civil engineering and infrastructure sector have benefited from the occupation and apartheid, as they have collaborated and participated in projects developed in the occupied territories that violate the principles of the rights of the Palestinian population. Spanish construction companies are associated with energy and road or rail infrastructure projects.

12. It has been documented that there are Israeli extractive multinational corporations with subsidiaries in Spain that are directly complicit in the genocide. It has been found that public, academic and financial entities operate in an intertwined manner and maintain relationships with these companies, turning a blind eye to their human rights violations.

13. It has been documented that Spanish and Israeli companies make significant profits in areas that are fundamental to the survival of the Palestinian people, such as water, energy and basic goods and services.

14. The connection between real estate capital, investment funds and certain Spanish institutions with Israeli and US investment funds responsible for the violation of Palestinian rights has been proven, with numerous subsidiaries of Israeli companies operating in Spanish territory. The tourism sector is one of the most lucrative areas of business for both parties.

15. It has been documented that the cybersecurity market in Spain is dominated by Israeli technology, directly and indirectly – through US companies linked to Israeli capital – in the public and private sectors, and that technology companies are key players in the perpetration of the Palestinian genocide, as well as in the pre-existing apartheid regime.

16. It is argued that the media are not spectators but structural actors in the genocide: they select, frame, silence or amplify messages that whitewash Zionism and dehumanise the Palestinian resistance. Media coverage of Gaza in 2023–2025 shows approaches and political positions of complicity with genocide that are often presented as 'neutral'.

17. Incitement to genocide occurs through the dissemination by the mass media of discourses that dehumanise the Palestinian people and empower or justify Israel's actions.

18. Israel is carrying out a cultural genocide that seeks to dismantle collective memory, break intergenerational transmission and destroy the national identity of the Palestinian people. The Spanish State participates in legitimising the Israeli occupation, apartheid and genocide through cultural promotion, projecting a distorted and favourable image of Israel. Cultural collaboration thus takes on a strategic character.

19. It has been documented that Israel's influence in cultural spaces contributes to the social acceptance of illegal policies and the invisibility of crimes committed against Palestinians. A cultural network of complicity integrates the economic, symbolic and media fields under a strategy of effective and structural legitimisation.

20. Israel's presence in the Spanish sporting context can be seen in a multitude of areas. These include Israeli and/or Zionist capital investment in clubs such as Atlético de Madrid and Movistar Team, the broadcasting of sporting events by companies close to

Netanyahu, such as DAZN, and the purchase of Israeli technology by Spanish organisations such as La Liga and FC Barcelona. In Spain, numerous clubs and sporting events have sponsors linked to Israel's genocidal practices, illegal occupation and apartheid in Palestine. Alongside private sponsorship, the participation of public bodies, municipal corporations and regional governments demonstrates their collaboration in the violation of the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people.

21. In the healthcare market, it has been documented that, despite repeated statements by healthcare personnel and public health experts about the atrocities committed against the civilian population in Gaza, the vast majority of academies, associations and scientific societies in medicine, nursing and pharmacy, as well as professional health organisations, have remained silent and completely ignored the obligations imposed by their codes of ethics. In material terms, complicity with genocide in the medical field is best exemplified by the pharmaceutical giant TEVA.

22. A significant number of universities in Spain continue to participate in research consortia, maintaining collaboration agreements, chairs and mobility programmes with Israeli universities and research institutions. It is documented that some of these collaborations involve research for the development of dual-use technology.

23. Likewise, the extensive collaboration of Spanish universities and research centres with companies present in the occupied territories or participating in the economy of apartheid and genocide has been documented.

24. Educational centres and universities in Spain replicate the logic of colonial elimination implemented in Gaza and Palestine through censorship disguised as impartiality.

#### IV. Final Consideration

25. The Tribunal declares that this Resolution is issued with the conviction that the voice of collective conscience is an indispensable instrument in the face of impunity, especially when formal institutional mechanisms are insufficient or slow to respond to the gravity of the facts.

The current phase of genocide compels us to continue this work of documentation, denunciation, and remembrance. We urge all participants and collaborators in this Tribunal to continue the work that has been begun.

In Madrid,

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