

STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF PALESTINE BY IAA-CSIC PERSONNEL

Due to the Genocide that the State of Israel is committing against the Palestinian population, and its violation of the human rights, as attested by the latest sentences and resolutions of the International Court of Justice (the highest court of the United Nations¹), the undersigned staff of the **Instituto de Astrofísica de Andalucía (IAA-CSIC)**, gathered the 21th of February of 2025, feels compelled to denounce the situation. In this way, we join the denunciations made by multiple centers and institutions like the Junta Rectora de la Conferencia de Rectores y Rectoras de las Universidades Españolas (CRUE)², the Universidad de Granada (UGR)³, the Universitat de Barcelona (UB)⁴, the European Students Union (ESU)⁵, the Coordinadora de Representantes de Estudiantes y Universidades Públicas (CREUP)⁶, or the one conducted by the Sociedad Española de Astronomía (SEA)⁷.

In particular, the Palestinian educational and research community is being gravely affected by the brutal attacks of Israel, which has already assassinated thousands of students, as well as teaching, research, and administrative or service staff, and has destroyed basic infrastructure for the development of educational and research activities. Moreover, some of these attacks have been intentionally directed against academics and their families, like the case of the assassination of the Rector of the Islamic University of Gaza⁸. These actions can not have any other objective than to completely destroy any future possibility of academia and research development in Gaza, as well as to truncate any means of social and personal development of the Palestinian people. In this situation, the Palestinian higher education institutions have made a united appeal for the support of the international academic and research community. This appeal has found an answer, initially from civil society in general, later from the university students and faculty, and finally from their institutions. We, the scientific institutes, are obligated to ensure and watch over the universality of education, a fundamental right of all people⁹.

¹ [Information for victims. State of Palestine. Corte Internacional de Justicia](#)

² [Comunicado de CRUE sobre la situación en la Franja de Gaza](#), La Junta Rectora de la Conferencia de Rectores y Rectoras de las Universidades Españolas (CRUE), May 2024

³ [Comunicado del Equipo de Gobierno sobre la situación actual en Gaza](#), Universidad de Granada, May 2024

⁴ [El Claustro Universitario aprueba elevar al equipo de gobierno y al Consejo de Gobierno la moción de apoyo a Palestina](#), UB, May 2024

⁵ [comunicado de apoyo a las movilizaciones y acciones estudiantiles que reclaman el alto al fuego inmediato y permanente en la franja de gaza y el reconocimiento del estado palestino](#), Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea, May 2024

⁶ [CREUP defiende las protestas en apoyo a Palestina](#), Coordinadora de Representantes de Estudiantes y Universidades Públicas, May 2024

⁷ [Comunicado de la SEA sobre la situación en Palestina](#), Sociedad Española de Astronomía, July 2024

⁸ [Comunicado de la UGR sobre la muerte del rector de la Universidad Islámica de Gaza](#), Universidad de Granada, December 2023

⁹ [El derecho a la educación](#). unesco

In this way, the following is declared:

1. We, as employees of the IAA-CSIC, a public research center, demand that the International community defends human rights and condemns any manner of terrorism, violence, forced displacement and ethnic cleansing, as well as any act that aims to systematically destroy a people or ethnicity. In particular, we express our utmost rejection to the disproportionate violence and cruelty of the Israeli army, planned and directed by the State itself, which is consequently resulting in the genocide of the Palestinian people.
2. We condemn the violence that the Israeli army, on behalf of the State of Israel, has been committing against the civilian population of neighboring states such as Lebanon, Syria, or Yemen.
3. We demand that the cease-fire agreed upon between the parties be maintained, as well as the cessation of hostilities on the part of the State of Israel that violate this agreement.
4. We recognise the colonial occupation and the apartheid that the State of Israel has been carrying out for decades as the structural reasons of the conflict in the Palestinian territory, as other international organizations have recognised^{10,11}. Likewise, we condemn any foreign interference that violates the Palestinian people's right to manage their legitimate territory.
5. As employees of a Spanish public institution and member of the European Union, we call for an effective and immediate embargo on arms trade by Spain and the other member states with the State of Israel.
6. We encourage the IAA-CSIC personnel to revise and/or cease collaborations with complicit Israeli institutions, and to not conduct any act that contributes to the Israeli occupation. These non-violent punitive measures are encouraged to be maintained until Israel meets its obligation to recognize the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination and fully complies with the precepts of international law¹².
7. We urge to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) to break off any institutional or academic relationship with universities, research institutes, companies and other Israeli institutions that have not clearly and explicitly condemned the crimes against humanity that the State of Israel has and continues committing in the recognized Palestinian territory.

¹⁰ [El apartheid israelí contra la población palestina](#). *Amnistía internacional*, February 2022

¹¹ [La opinión de la CIJ que declara ilegal la ocupación israelí de territorios palestinos es una vindicación histórica de los derechos de la población palestina](#). *Amnistía internacional*, July 2024

¹² [Palestinian Civil Society Calls for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel Until it Complies with International Law and Universal Principles of Human Rights](#), BDS, July 2005

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