



## Call on Professors and Teachers

In 2013, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and the Association of University Heads of Israel signed a Memorandum of Agreement to intensify academic ties between Canadian and Israeli post-secondary institutions.

A grouping of university and college professors, Faculty for Palestine (F4P), signed a letter (see framed text below) demanding that the Memorandum be rescinded. Currently, over 200 post-secondary Canadian professors and teachers have already signed the letter. F4P is seeking more signatories.

Since the 2005 call for the boycott of Israel, the FNEEQ-CSN has supported the «BDS campaign» (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions).

**We call on professors and teachers to sign the letter. Send an e-mail to [fac4pal@gmail.com](mailto:fac4pal@gmail.com) with your name and institutional affiliation. Get your colleagues to sign the letter too! Thank you !**

*On Palestinian State Recognition recently:*

[The Haaretz](#), December 7, 2014

[Le Monde](#), December 7, 2014

[Le Devoir](#), December 8, 2014



### Faculty for Palestine. Statement on Boycott and Institutional Links

The Israeli assault on Palestine in June and July 2014 serves as a powerful reminder of the responsibility of the global community to take action to support the fundamental rights of Palestinians. We the undersigned support the academic boycott of Israeli institutions in response to the call issued in 2005 by over 170 Palestinian civil society organizations for a campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions to support Palestinian rights. We demand that the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) rescind the memorandum of understanding signed in July 2013 that contravenes the boycott by promoting institutional links between Canadian and Israeli post-secondary institutions.

The AUCC's five-year memorandum of understanding with the Israeli Association of University Heads intensifies ties between Canadian and Israeli universities at the very time that Palestinian civil society organizations have called on us to boycott such institutional links. It is important to note that Gaza was being bombarded on the first anniversary of this memorandum.

Israeli universities are deeply implicated in the denial of Palestinian rights. They serve the regime of occupation and silencing through activities ranging from direct military research to the architectural planning of settlements and the development of Hebrew place names to replace those of destroyed Palestinian villages. Meanwhile, the educational rights and academic freedom of Palestinians are undermined by their experience of occupation, of second-class status in Israeli educational institutions, and of exile.

It is time to take a stand for the fundamental rights of Palestinians living under occupation, as second-class citizens of Israel or as refugees elsewhere. The boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign in solidarity with the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa provided an important example of the ways in which global support can contribute to the recognition of basic human rights. We commit ourselves to work on our own campuses to build and support campaigns for boycott, divestment and sanctions aimed at links with the Israeli state and institutions.

We call on the AUCC to revoke the July 2013 Memorandum of Agreement that promotes greater institutional links between Canadian and Israeli universities.