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Palestinian postal Service Workers Union-(PPSWU)

**Dear friends in the Canadian Union of Postal Workers,
CUPW-STTP
Greeting from Palestine.**

We extend to you our warmest greetings. In response to your request, the Palestinian Postal Service Workers' Union (PPSWU) is pleased to address the baseless accusations raised against our Union by B'nai Brith in Canada.

In this regard, and first of all, the PPSWU would like to draw your attention to the fact that B'nai Brith's politically-motivated allegations against our Union are, unfortunately, not an isolated incident. They are rather part and parcel of the [aggressive defamation campaign](#) which is being led by Israel's far-right government and lobby groups, such as B'nai Brith, in particular in North America and Europe, with the aim of demonizing the Palestinian people, suppressing solidarity with the our struggle for freedom, justice and equality, restricting freedom of expression, and shielding Israel's illegal occupation, settler-colonialism and [apartheid](#) from being held accountable to international law.

B'nai Brith has been [defending](#) Israel's war crimes and deadly violence against Palestinian civilians, [promoting its illegal settlements](#) in the occupied Palestinian West Bank, as well as its [illegal annexation of occupied East Jerusalem](#). B'nai Brith's allegations of violence and terrorism are false and an attempt to sever the bond of partnership and international solidarity between our two Unions.

The allegations brought against the PPSWU are false and unfounded because our activities are anchored in international labor conventions and international humanitarian and human rights law. As such, we have worked since the establishment of our Union in 2010 for the rights and demands of our members, postal service workers in Palestine, and we participate in the nonviolent struggle of the Palestinian people for respect of human rights and our right to self-determination as enshrined in the UN Charter, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil



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and Political Rights, and as affirmed in numerous resolutions of the United Nations.

The PPSWU certainly opposes and seeks to resist the daily violations of fundamental human rights of our members and the Palestinian population at large, and we do so peacefully and in conformity with international law. PPSWU's statute and the resolutions adopted by our general conferences do not endorse violence in any form or call for violence in any manner.

In light of the above, and in deep appreciation of the progressive political stand adopted by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) against Israeli -- and other -- wars of aggression and in support of so many causes of human rights globally, including the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, we are counting on your experience, and on your commitment to the same progressive standards when the rights of the Palestinian people and our partnership are concerned.

With regard to the specific allegations made, Ahmad Naser Jarrar, whose picture was posted by a member on our Facebook page, was never brought to a court of law and found guilty for the crime he had allegedly committed. He was shot dead together with two other Palestinian civilians by Israeli soldiers during a military search operation in the town of Jenin and its refugee camp and villages in the occupied Palestinian territory. UN human rights bodies and international, Palestinian and Israeli human rights organizations have repeatedly condemned this criminal Israeli policy of [extra-judicial execution](#), which is widespread and deprives Palestinians the right to a fair trial and the most fundamental right to life.

As for the poster commemorating the Nakba on our Facebook page, B'nai Brith wildly and baselessly claims that it proves that the PPSWU "supports the total annihilation of the Jewish State, rather than a two-state solution" (which, by the way, the lobby group doesn't support itself). This is a typical example of the attempt by Israeli lobby groups to use propaganda to demonize all discussion about historical facts, and to deprive people in Palestine, Canada and elsewhere



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of the right to know and debate the well documented fact of the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians and the violent creation of the State of Israel in 1948.

Nothing here is unlawful or illegitimate. No one can deny Palestinians the right to commemorate the Nakba (catastrophe) caused by the ethnic cleansing, and no one can deny Palestinian refugees the right to claim their UN-affirmed fundamental human right to return to homes and property they were forced to leave. Commemorating the Nakba falls under our rights, including the right to freedom of expression. Everyone has the right to know and discuss these historical facts, including the facts concerning Israel's system of apartheid that has kept Palestinian refugees in forced exile for 70 years.

In conclusion, we hope that we have addressed all issues of concern. Please let us know if you require any additional information.

In deep appreciation of our partnership with the CUPW, and in the spirit of workers' unity and solidarity in the struggle for a world in which all people can enjoy freedom, justice, equality and full labor rights,

We remain with best wishes from Palestine,

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