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Dear Members and Officers of ILWU Local 10,

8 October, 2014

At a meeting of 50 solidarity activists on 7 October convened by Liverpool Friends of Palestine and co-hosted by University of Liverpool Friends of Palestine, the following statement was adopted unanimously.

In solidarity,

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## **Solidarity with Oakland Actions**

This solidarity meeting convened by Liverpool Friends of Palestine congratulates the Oakland longshore workers of ILWU Local 10, and all those who organised the successful pickets triggering action against the Israeli shipping line ZIM in August and September, responding to Israel's massacres in Gaza. From the mass picket called by the Arab Resource and Organizing Center on 16 August, to the picket line mounted by the Stop ZIM Action Committee and Transport Workers Solidarity Committee on 27 September, and with all supporting organisations for both actions, the movement has engaged directly with workers in the port and their response is inspiring.

We are proud that Liverpool dockworkers past and present have voiced their support for these actions. We hope that other transport workers will take heart from the Oakland actions, and seek to impose their own boycotts of trade with apartheid Israel. We hope that solidarity activists will continue to approach workers with a view to implementing the appeal from Palestinian unions issued on 30 July. They wrote:

We ask you to consider the following actions:

- Stop handling goods imported from or exported to Israel,
- Divest your trade union pension — and other — funds from Israel Bonds as well as from corporations and banks that are complicit in Israel's occupation and human rights violations
- Dissociate from Israeli trade unions which are complicit in the occupation
- Support our call for a military embargo on Israel
- Share information with your members about the siege and destruction of Gaza and ask your members to boycott Israeli products and to share their knowledge with family, co-workers, and friends.

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