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OPERATIONAL PROPOSALS FOR THE REFORM OF THE ROME PROTOCOL AND THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT

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PART I: DECLARATION AND PRINCIPLES

DECLARES AND PROPOSES the following:

1. TO STATE that the use of force and armed violence in the so-called Gaza Strip and the West Bank amounts to war crimes and crimes against humanity, including genocide and apartheid. These, together with the refusal to appear before and comply with the procedural requirements of the International Criminal Court (ICC) —established by the Rome Statute, in order to submit to the rule of law and exercise the right of defence against charges for said crimes against humanity—constitutes an affront to International Criminal Law, International Human Rights Law, and the primacy of the rule of law in the resolution of territorial, ethnic or religious conflicts.

2. TO REQUEST that the States Parties to the Rome Statute establishing the International Criminal Court (ICC) PROMOTE an additional protocol to said Statute. This protocol shall aim to establish a Judicial Police Force under the authority of the ICC, tasked with ensuring the effectiveness and enforcement of the resolutions adopted by the Court.

3. TO CALL UPON national governments and internationally recognised international organisations to DEVELOP the additional protocol proposed here, by contributing the necessary proposals, means, and resources for its establishment and operation.

4. TO GIVE NOTICE that any fact or act interfering with this initiative, its realisation, or its implementation shall be considered disobedience and concealment of conduct allegedly in breach of the Rome Statute and shall entail the sanctions therein provided.

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PART II: PROPOSALS FOR ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIAL ACTION

DECLARES AND PROPOSES the following:

1. TO INVITE all countries that have ratified the Rome Statute establishing the International Criminal Court to BRING criminal complaints, endorsed by their respective Governments and/or internationally recognised non-governmental organisations, invoking the principle of universal jurisdiction. These complaints shall stand for the denunciation and prosecution of crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, in accordance with the classifications set out in International Conventions. They are an inalienable component of the legal conscience of the peoples, of humanism, and of the primacy of the rule of law in resolving international conflicts. Such action shall support the request for prosecution and international arrest issued by the International Criminal Court against the highest authorities of the State of Israel for the genocide and war crimes committed against the Palestinian people and authorities in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

2. ON COURT FILINGS
   2.1. TO ENDORSE the request for international arrest, on charges of genocide and war crimes against the Palestinian people and authorities in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, regarding the intellectual and material authors, accessories, inciters, participants, or beneficiaries of the criminal acts under investigation.

   2.2. TO BIND the respective national authorities to COMPLY with and ENFORCE the international arrest warrants issued by the ICC, ordering or assisting in the immediate arrest and extradition of the individuals sought, placing them at the disposal of the ICC.

   2.3. TO GIVE NOTICE to all national authorities that failure to comply with the judicial orders issued by the ICC shall be deemed participation in, or concealment of, the crimes of genocide or war crimes concerned, as applicable.

3. TO MAKE PUBLIC all national judicial rulings through all mass media outlets.

4. TO INFORM the ICC of the judicial action undertaken and of any decision adopted by national judiciaries consistent with the principles and requirements expressed herein.