

PRESS STATEMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT PASSES HISTORIC RESOLUTION TO DOWNGRADE EMBASSY IN ISRAEL

07 March 2023

The National Freedom Party (NFP) is ecstatic that the draft resolution to downgrade South Africa's embassy in Israel has been passed by Parliament. This is a historic moment for our country and a demonstration of our unwavering commitment to justice, human rights, and freedom.

"This is a moment Madiba would be proud of. He always said our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of Palestinians. Today we took a step closer to the attainment of that freedom for Palestinians," stated NFP MP, Ahmed Munzoor Shaik Emam, who introduced the resolution

The NFP would like to thank all political parties that supported the resolution, including the African National Congress (ANC), United Democratic Movement (UDM), Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), African Independent Congress (AIC), the PAC, and Al Jama ah. We are grateful for their commitment and willingness to stand up for human rights and justice.

"As the NFP - a Political Party with only two seats in parliament - we had to make sure that this resolution becomes Government policy. We can no longer stand by while Palestinian human rights are being trampled on," added Shaik Emam.

By passing this resolution, we are sending a powerful message to the world that South Africa remains a beacon of hope and a shining example of what is possible when we come together in pursuit of a more just and equitable world.

"This resolution demands accountability from Israel. It is a courageous move that demonstrates our commitment as a country to justice, human rights, and freedom. The state of Israel was built through the displacement, murder, and maiming of Palestinians. And to maintain their grip on power, they have instituted Apartheid to control and manage Palestinians. This institution of Apartheid by the State of Israel contravenes international law and is a violation of the human rights of Palestinians. As South Africans we refuse to stand by while Apartheid is being perpetrated again," added Shaik Emam.

While many will argue that downgrading our embassy in Israel will impair our ability to act as a neutral mediator in the conflict. The NFP believes neutrality is not an option in the face of oppression and human rights violations. This sentiment was best articulated by our beloved Archbishop Desmond Tutu who said: "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor"

The NFP would like to thank all South Africans who supported this resolution and demonstrated their commitment to human rights and justice. It is through the collective efforts of all of us that we can make a positive impact on the world and create a better future for all.

Le Parlement sud-africain adopte une rÃ©solution historique pour dÃ©classer son ambassade en IsraÃ«l

Description

Par WAFA, en mars 2023



PRESS STATEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT PASSES HISTORIC RESOLUTION TO DOWNGRADE EMBASSY IN ISRAEL

07 March 2023

The National Freedom Party (NFP) is ecstatic that the draft resolution to downgrade South Africa's embassy in Israel has been passed by Parliament. This is a historic moment for our country and a demonstration of our unwavering commitment to justice, human rights, and freedom.

"This is a moment Madiba would be proud of. He always said our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of Palestinians. Today we took a step closer to the attainment of that freedom for Palestinians," stated NFP MP, Ahmed Munzoor Shaik Emam, who introduced the resolution

The NFP would like to thank all political parties that supported the resolution, including the African National Congress (ANC), United Democratic Movement (UDM), Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), African Independent Congress (AIC), the PAC, and Al Jama ah. We are grateful for their commitment and willingness to stand up for human rights and justice.

"As the NFP - a Political Party with only two seats in parliament - we had to make sure that this resolution becomes Government policy. We can no longer stand by while Palestinian human rights are being trampled on," added Shaik Emam.

By passing this resolution, we are sending a powerful message to the world that South Africa remains a beacon of hope and a shining example of what is possible when we come together in pursuit of a more just and equitable world.

"This resolution demands accountability from Israel. It is a courageous move that demonstrates our commitment as a country to justice, human rights, and freedom. The state of Israel was built through the displacement, murder, and maiming of Palestinians. And to maintain their grip on power, they have instituted Apartheid to control and manage Palestinians. This institution of Apartheid by the State of Israel contravenes international law and is a violation of the human rights of Palestinians. As South Africans we refuse to stand by while Apartheid is being perpetrated again," added Shaik Emam.

While many will argue that downgrading our embassy in Israel will impair our ability to act as a neutral mediator in the conflict. The NFP believes neutrality is not an option in the face of oppression and human rights violations. This sentiment was best articulated by our beloved Archbishop Desmond Tutu who said: "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor"

The NFP would like to thank all South Africans who supported this resolution and demonstrated their commitment to human rights and justice. It is through the collective efforts of all of us that we can make a positive impact on the world and create a better future for all.

CommuniquÃ© de presse du NFP (National Freedom Party) de lâ??Afrique du Sud
7 mars 2023

Le National Freedom Party (NFP) est ravi que le projet de rÃ©solution visant Ã dÃ©classer lâ??ambassade dâ??Afrique du Sud en IsraÃ«l ait Ã©tÃ© adoptÃ© par le Parlement.

Â« Câ??est un moment historique pour notre pays et une dÃ©monstration de notre engagement inÃ©branlable en faveur de la justice, des droits de lâ??homme et de la libertÃ© Â», ont-ils dÃ©clarÃ© dans un communiquÃ©.

Â« Câ??est un moment dont Madiba (*Madiba est le nom du clan tribal de Nelson Mandela*) serait fier. Il a toujours dit que notre libertÃ© est incomplÃ¨te sans la libertÃ© des palestiniens. Aujourdâ??hui, nous avons fait un pas de plus vers la rÃ©alisation de cette libertÃ© Â», a dÃ©clarÃ© le dÃ©putÃ© NFP, Ahmed Munzoor Shaik Emam, qui a prÃ©sentÃ© la rÃ©solution.

Le NFP a remerciÃ© tous les partis politiques qui ont soutenu la rÃ©solution, notamment le African National Congress (ANC), le United Democratic Movement (UDM), les Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), le African Independent Congress (AIC), le Panafricanist Congress PAC et Al Jamaah. Â« Nous sommes reconnaissants de leur engagement et de leur volontÃ© de dÃ©fendre les droits de lâ??homme et la justice Â», a-t-il dÃ©clarÃ©.

Â« En tant que NFP â?? un parti politique avec seulement deux siÃ¨ges au parlement â?? nous devions tout faire pour que cette rÃ©solution devienne la politique du gouvernement. Nous ne pouvons plus rester les bras croisÃ©s pendant que les droits humains des palestiniens sont bafouÃ©s Â», a ajoutÃ© Shaik Emam.

Â« En adoptant cette rÃ©solution, nous envoyons un message puissant au monde que lâ??Afrique du Sud reste une lueur dâ??espoir et un formidable exemple de ce qui est possible lorsque nous nous unissons dans la poursuite dâ??un monde plus juste et Ã©quitable Â», a-t-il dÃ©clarÃ©.

Â« Cette rÃ©solution exige des comptes dâ??IsraÃ«l. Câ??est un geste courageux qui dÃ©montre notre engagement en tant que pays envers la justice, les droits de la personne et la libertÃ©. Lâ??Ã?tat dâ??IsraÃ«l a Ã©tÃ© construit grÃ¢ce au dÃ©placement, meurtre et mutilation des palestiniens. Et pour maintenir leur emprise sur le pouvoir, ils ont instituÃ© lâ??apartheid pour contrÃ´ler et gÃ©rer les palestiniens. Cette institution de lâ??apartheid par lâ??Ã?tat dâ??IsraÃ«l contrevient au droit international et constitue une violation des droits humains des palestiniens.

Â« En tant que sud-africains, nous refusons de rester les bras croisÃ©s devant un nouvel apartheid Â», a ajoutÃ© Shaik Emam.

Alors que lâ??on ne manquera pas de dire que le dÃ©classement de lâ??ambassade dâ??Afrique du Sud en IsraÃ«l compromettra sa capacitÃ© Ã faire le mÃ©diateur neutre dans le conflit, le NFP considÃ¨re que la neutralitÃ© nâ??est point une option face Ã lâ??oppression et aux violations des droits de lâ??homme.

Comme a pu dire lâ??archevÃªque Desmond Tutu dans une formule devenu cÃ©lÃ¨bre : Â« Si vous Ãªtes neutre dans les situations dâ??injustice, vous avez choisi le cÃ´tÃ© de lâ??oppresseur Â».

Le NFP a Ã©galement remerciÃ© tous les sud-africains qui ont soutenu cette rÃ©solution et dÃ©montrÃ© ainsi leur engagement en faveur des droits de lâ??homme et de la justice. Â« Câ??est grÃ¢ce aux efforts collectifs de chacun dâ??entre nous que nous pouvons avoir un impact positif sur le monde et crÃ©er un avenir meilleur pour tous Â», a-t-il dÃ©clarÃ©.

M. K. pour lâ??Agence MÃ©dia Palestine

Source : WAFA

date crÃ©Ã©e
2023/03/13