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NB: Excerpt from the 25 April 2024 draft Okanagan Senate Minutes. Confirmation of the accuracy of this resolution is subject to adoption of the minutes of that meeting at the next meeting of Senate on 16 May 2024.

Whereas the International Court of Justice ruled on 26 January 2024 that the case made by the state of South Africa that Israeli military actions in Gaza plausibly constitute genocide, these actions including the failure to distinguish between combatants and non-combatants, the displacement of the majority of the population, the targeting of all hospitals, the targeting and destruction of all universities, and the obstruction of humanitarian aid, among other crimes under international law;

And whereas multiple international organizations, including the World Bank on 19 March 2024, have identified that famine is imminent for more than one million Palestinians in Gaza as a result of the Israeli state's bombardment, invasion, and blockade of the territory;

Be it resolved that the Okanagan Senate:

Condemns the perpetration of genocide, and the violation of international laws pertaining to human rights; in this case the occupation, siege, and invasion of Gaza by the state of Israel;

Condemns the violent attack on Israeli nationals and Jewish persons undertaken by Hamas on 7 October 2023;

Supports all those who peacefully oppose this war, including those in Israel who have gone to the streets at great personal risk to protest the invasion; and

Asks members of the UBC community to support and strengthen ties with UBC members impacted by the crisis, and to stand with all those seeking peace and the immediate amelioration of the current crisis in Gaza.

Resolved on 25 April 2024.