

ORGANISING AND SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS

APRODEV: the Association of World Council of Churches related Organizations in Europe is the association of the 15 major Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox development and humanitarian aid organizations in Europe. Nationally, the Aprovev agencies are related to the churches in their respective countries. Globally, the Aprovev agencies work closely together with the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation. They are inspired by the liberating message of the Gospel, share a common focus on justice, peace and human-centered development, and work with people in need, irrespective of creed, color, race, sex or political persuasion. In the Middle East, Aprovev agencies work with partner organizations in both the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel. With them, the Aprovev agencies share a common vision of peaceful co-existence (<http://www.aprodev.net>).

CIDSE: the International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity is an international coalition of 14 Catholic development organisations, working together with organisations and partners in the South and the North on issues of advocacy, development programmes, development education, peace and conflicts. Six Cidse Agencies are involved in the Middle East (<http://www.cidse.org>).

ECCP: the European Coordinating Committees of NGOs on the Question of Palestine began in 1983 when the United Nations called in Geneva the International Conference on the Question of Palestine following the General Assembly resolution 36 / 120 c of 10.12.1981 and 37 / 86 of 10.12.1982. The ECCP, comprising some 300 European NGOs, acquired its own autonomous structure and its seven national platforms since then have been co-operating closely. Its main objective is to revive the solidarity movement in Europe in support of the Palestinian people's national rights, for the achievement of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

SOLIDAR is an independent international alliance of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that are involved in social service provision, international co-operation, humanitarian aid and life-long learning, and are historically linked to the free and democratic labour and trade union movement. Solidar Member Agencies are involved in over 90 countries worldwide where they collaborate with grass root organisations and trade unions. Solidar has NGO representatives from 16 countries, 12 of which are in the EU. The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) is a founding and observer member. SOLIDAR maintains fraternal relations with the Socialist International and the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC). SOLIDAR is recognised by the European Union and the International Labour Organisation (ILO). SOLIDAR is an Observer to the Liaison Committee of Development NGO's to the EU and a member of the Platform of European Social NGO's (<http://www.solidar.org>).

EMHRN: the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network is a network of human rights organisations based in more than 20 countries from the Euro-Mediterranean region. The EMHRN was established in January 1997 with the following main objectives: to support and publicise the universal principles of human rights as expressed in the Barcelona Declaration, to strengthen, assist and co-ordinate the efforts of its members to monitor the Partner States' compliance with the human rights principles in the Barcelona Declaration, to support the development of democratic institutions, promote the rule of law, human rights and human rights education, and to strengthen civil society in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The overall objective of the EMHRN is to contribute to the protection and promotion of the human rights principles embodied in the Barcelona Declaration of November 1995 and in the bilateral association agreements between the EU and its Mediterranean partners (<http://www.euromedrights.net>).

FIDH: the purpose of the the International Federation for Human Rights Leagues, is to advance the implementation of all the rights defined by the Universal Declaration of Human and the other international instruments protecting human rights. The FIDH brings together 115 human rights organisations from 90 countries. It provides them with an unparalleled network of expertise and solidarity, as well as a clear guide to the procedures of international organisations. It is a non-governmental organisation of international solidarity, officially recognised by the state. It is non-political, non-sectarian, and non- profit-making. The FIDH works to mobilise the community of States; prevent violations and support civil society; observe and alert; inform, denounce and protect (<http://www.fidh.org>).

OMCT (Organisation Mondiale contre la Torture): the World Organisation Against Torture is today the largest international coalition of NGOs fighting against torture, summary executions, forced disappearances and all other forms of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment in order to preserve Human Rights. It has at its disposal a network, SOS torture, consisting of some 240 non-governmental organisations which act as sources of information. Its urgent interventions reach daily more than 90,000 governmental and intergovernmental institutions, non-governmental associations, pressure and interest groups (<http://www.womct.org>).

WCC: the World Council of Churches is an international fellowship of 342 Christian Churches in more than 120 countries in all continents from virtually all Christian traditions, formed to serve and advance the ecumenical movement - the quest for restoring the unity of the church. Having been involved in efforts for peace in the Holy Land since 1948, the WCC is deeply committed to the achievement of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. Currently, as a means of addressing the root causes of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, helping create a viable Palestinian state and working for a negotiated, secure and true peace, the WCC has launched the "Ecumenical Campaign to End the Illegal Occupation of Palestine: Support a Just Peace in the Middle East" within the context of the *'Decade to Overcome Violence: Churches Seeking Reconciliation and Peace (2001-2010)'*. As part of the Ecumenical Campaign the WCC has also initiated the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) whose mission it is to accompany Palestinians and Israelis in their non-violent actions and concerted advocacy efforts to end the occupation (<http://www.wcc-coe.org>).