

Global Civil Society Forum
Statement on the Environmental Degradation
In the Palestinian Occupied Territories

We the Civil Society Organizations attending the 10th Global Civil Society Forum in Nairobi 14-15 February, 2009 are worried about the use of globally environmental destructive war materials in the Middle East Region and other parts of the world. This has led to continuing deterioration and destruction of human and natural resources.

Recalling principle 23 of the Rio Declaration “The environmental and natural resources of people under oppression, domination and occupation shall be protected”.

Urgently request the UNEP GC to adopt a decision to send a “Fact Finding Committee” to visit the Palestinian Occupied Territories/Gaza Strip and evaluate the natural and environmental destruction occurred in and to determine the costs of rehabilitation and restoration of the environmental damage.

We emphasize the critical importance for the need of sending the results of the Fact Finding Mission to UNEP and UN General Assembly to take the required actions for technical support and compensation procedures for remediation.