



## Scottish Palestinian Forum

### STATEMENT ON THE DESIGNATION OF PALESTINIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANISATIONS AS “TERRORISTS”

On 22 October 2021 the Israeli government designated six well respected human rights organisations as “terrorists”. This measure needs to be understood not merely as political rhetoric, but as a pretext for measures to inhibit the operations of these groups, including seizure of assets and records, restrictions on activities and on receiving donations, and enforced dissolution.

None of these organisations, nor its officers, has committed a crime against any lawfully constituted state or its democratically elected government. On the contrary, their record in campaigning for justice and the rule of law is impeccable. The protection and assistance they offer to victims of human rights abuses by Israeli state operatives and others is exemplary, and the repressive measures with which they are threatened are an attempt not merely to perpetuate crimes against humanity, but to entrench and perpetuate the culture of impunity with which they are committed, both by armed and uniformed personnel and by illegal settlers in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

SPF has supported several of these organisations in the past, and been privileged to host representatives on speaking tours of this country. We pledge unequivocally our continued support of these organisations, and of their struggle for justice for the Palestinian people.

Addameer

Al-Haq

Bisan Centre

Defence of Children International Palestine

Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Support Network

Union of Agricultural Work Committees

Adopted by the Committee on 26 October 2021.

Statements issued by the Committee do not necessarily reflect the views of all member groups.