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**Name of branch or working group:** HARINGEY

**Title:** PALESTINE LIBERATION & BDS

**Short summary:**

Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) is a Palestinian-led movement for freedom, justice and equality. BDS upholds the simple principle that Palestinians are entitled to the same rights as the rest of humanity.<sup>1</sup>

Israel is occupying and colonising Palestinian land, discriminating against Palestinian citizens of Israel and denying Palestinian refugees the right to return to their homes. Inspired by the South African anti-apartheid movement, BDS is a call from Palestinians to use our power to weaken the mechanisms of capitalism that uphold the apartheid in Palestine.

The London Renters Union is an anti-colonial and anti-racist organisation that fights against homelessness

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<sup>1</sup> From the BDS Website.

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and for everyone to have a home where they can live a good, joyful life. The systems of oppression that force

Londoners from our homes are deeply linked to the systems that dispossess Palestinians, domicile anywhere is domicile everywhere. We stand in full solidarity with Palestinians as they face forced displacement from their homes and the deliberate destruction of their lives, homes and communities. Given that fact, we, as a union, should proudly stand in solidarity with those struggles and to name them as our collective struggles, we would like to pass this motion in support of BDS as one of the tactics for a liberated Palestine.

Moreover, the LRU will explicitly state this on the LRU website under the menu subheadings “values” and “what we’re fighting for”.

**Expected budget (if any):**

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| <p><b>Description of proposal: The LRU recognises and stands in solidarity with:</b></p> |
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Palestine and all Palestinians in their struggle for a Free Palestinian “from the river to the sea”, for the right to return of all Palestinian refugees and the anti-Zionist Boycott Divest Sanction movement.

**What commitment will this proposal require from different parts of the union? (time, skills, money?)**

The time, skills and money required would cover the labour costs and time requirements of an update to the LRU website.

**Have any of these requirements been committed by others already? (If so, which ones?)** LRU has released two statements on Palestine already.

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