



Bethlehem, Palestine, 4th of December 2014  
To His Excellency Tarso Genro  
Governor of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Dear Mr. Tarso Genro,

It was with great satisfaction and hope that we have received the news about the decision of the State of Rio Grande do Sul to end its Protocol Agreement with the AEL Systems, subsidiary of the Israeli company, Elbit Systems.

This company's participation in the building of the Wall, arms development, implementation and maintenance of the illegal system of occupation of Palestinian lands, made such a cooperation immoral, and had put the Government of Rio Grande do Sul in the untenable position of supporter of the oppression, massacres, violation of international laws, conventions, and constant abuse of the human rights of the Palestinian people.

In fact, we deeply congratulate the Government of Rio Grande do Sul for having listened to the voices and the appeals coming from local civil society, and from the Palestinian civil society, who call for an end to arms deals in particular and boycott of companies that profit from the massacres and growing violations of the human rights in the Palestinian occupied territories.

Finally, we consider your measure as a decisive step in favor of the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, and towards peace and justice for all in the region.

Yours sincerely,

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