

Responsibility for Corporate Complicity in Human Rights Violations in Palestine

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Abstract:

This thesis looks at the human rights impacts of Israeli-administered industrial and residential settlements and the accompanying separation regime in the occupied West Bank. It looks at the status of the territories in international law and the corporate, governmental and institutional actors involved in the settlements and separation regime. It discusses how responsibility for human rights violations connected to these “occupation industries” can be assigned, and discuss the options for discharging this responsibility. The focus is on European corporate involvement in these industries. The European Union emerges as an actor to whom responsibility can be ascribed, and I consider how, if at all, this type of responsibility has been incorporated into the EU’s Corporate Social Responsibility strategy.

ASFP	Association Solidarité France Palestine
ATCA	Alien Tort Claims Act
BDS	Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions
CCDPRJ	Civic Coalition for Palestinians Rights in Jerusalem
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
CR	Corporate Responsibility
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
DG	Directorate General
ECCJ	European Coalition for Corporate Justice
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EIDHR	European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights
ESG	Environment, Social and Governance
EU	European Union
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FDL	Foreign Direct Liability
GRI	Global Reporting Index
HRA	Human Rights Agreement
ICAHD	Israeli Committee against House Demolitions
ICCPR	International Convention on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Convention for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
ICJ	International Court of Justice
IDF	Israeli Defence Forces
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISO	International Organisation for Standardization
JLRT	Jerusalem Light Rail Transportation
KPI	Key Performance Indicators
MNC	Multinational Corporation
MNE	Multinational Enterprise
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPT	Occupied Palestinian Territories
PTA	Preferential Trade Agreement
SRI	Socially Responsible Investment
SRSG	Special Representative of the Secretary General
TNC	Transnational Corporation
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
US	United States

USAID

**United States Agency for International
Development**

USD

United States Dollar

SRSG

**Special Representative to the Secretary
General**

WTO

World Trade Organisation

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