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SIW STATEMENT ON UNILATERAL DECISION BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO RECOGNISE JERUSALEM AS THE CAPITAL OF ISRAEL

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The Socialist International Women (SIW) disapproves the decision of President Trump to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and relocate the US embassy there from Tel Aviv. This decision threatens to escalate tensions in the Middle East and around the world and has the potential to destroy all efforts to bring peace between Israel and Palestine.

Jerusalem is considered the religious home to Muslims, Christians and Jews and therefore its status should be decided in the framework of the two-state solution which SIW supports and advocates. The unilateral decision by one nation to nominate Jerusalem as the capital of Israel is not only unhelpful, unacceptable and dangerous but shows how the current US administration has little respect for democratic and diplomatic processes, and above all, little respect for the efforts made over the years in the Israeli–Palestinian peace process.

SIW is also deeply concerned with the consequences of such a decision and urges all to respond peacefully through dialogue and negotiations. Conflict resolutions can only be achieved through understanding and peaceful means.

SIW believes that the two-state solution that brings an end to the Israeli occupation and guarantees the Palestinian people's aspirations to their own state on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital, living side by side with Israel in peace, security and mutual recognition, and a fair solution on the Palestinian refugee issue, while ensuring security for all, is the best option available for a just and lasting peace in the region. Also, as peace is inextricably linked to equality between men and women, a lasting peace can only be achieved with the participation of women and the inclusion of gender perspectives in the peace process.

SIW calls on all governments to recognise the Palestinian state as a way of demonstrating their commitment to the two-state solution and calls on all parties responsible and involved in the peace-process to return to negotiations and find the best possible way to implement the two-state solution and put a peaceful end to this long-lasting conflict with the inclusion of gender perspectives.