

ACTION FRAMEWORK

1. Basic action agreements

Taking direct action is stressful and includes many risks. Having a framework that activists acting together commit to increases predictability, trust, collaboration and safety for anyone taking action under the Stop Arming Israel Belgium name.

We ask that everyone that wants to organize an action for this campaign commits to the following agreements. If you do not respect the agreements, Stop Arming Israel Belgium will not claim your action as part of the campaign.

1. **Our action methods never include physical harm to people;**
2. **We are open to autonomous actions and diversity of tactics;**
3. **We take measures to minimize risks;**
4. **We oppose any form of oppression and racism specifically in our groups**
5. **The police is not our friend;**
6. **Everyone is responsible for their own actions;**
7. **We commit to solidarity with people facing legal repression.**

- Our action methods **never include physical harm to people** or harm to the integrity of people.
- We are open to a diversity of tactics.** We believe the Palestinian solidarity movement's strength lies in the range of actions that have been organized: from demonstrations, blockades, legal campaigns to actions that have sought to dismantle and do targeted damage to the companies and institutions supportive of Israel and its genocidal war on Gaza. Considering the clear objective of this campaign "*Shut down Elbit*" we ask that actions in name of SAIB are in line with the objectives of the campaign: 1) actions that are targetting OIP/Elbit and collaborators 2) actions that do not cause physical harm to people. We thus support and encourage all kinds of actions, but will not necessarily claim them as part of this campaign*. Concretely this means:
 - Claiming an action mainly concerns communicating publicly about this action on external communication platforms. Action groups recognize that in relaying actions publicly, judicial risks are shared between an action group and SAIB.
 - We thus communicate on all actions that fall in line with the campaign above mentioned objectives and this consensus.
 - For groups that send us finalized photos and videos in line with the action consensus: this will be shared directly.
 - For groups sending us rough, unedited videos or pictures, that require

edits - the SAIB team will make editorial decisions unless they receive clear editorial instructions for publication.

**If at some point before - during or after the action there is any doubt from an action group about this point, we discuss and make an informed decision together.*

- In a context of increased repression of pro-Palestinian mobilization and police impunity** and recognizing that risks are not evenly distributed in society, but are shaped by racial, gender, ableist and sexual structures, **we encourage to only take risks considered necessary for achieving the objectives of the action.** We minimize risks among other things by :
 - Never discussing what we do, and what we see other people do during the preparation and during actions with anyone, including friends and family.
 - Act in solidarity with comrades who are taking additional risks.
 - Respect and engage in dialogue with workers and passers-by, this includes not targeting personal belongings of workers or bystanders.
 - Inform ourselves about risks and take care of cybersecurity and our digital communication
- We actively oppose any form of oppression or racism before, during or after the action.** We specifically oppose and actively fight any form of islamophobia or anti-semitism. In our actions, as well as our messaging we enact the world we envision. We aim to contribute to be a movement where all are welcome as long as they are committed to dismantling our society's systems of oppression and the material relations they rely on. While we know we will never be able to create spaces entirely free of the physical, mental, verbal and structural violence in the current system we operate, we strive to do better within the groups we organize. We strive to be conscious of our position and privileges and step up or step down when appropriate (especially regarding speaking-time/influence during decision-making).
- The police aren't our friends**, no matter how friendly police officers may be, in the end, their goals are the opposite of ours. As the armed hand of the state, they are inherently the protectors of capital and enforcers of racist, fascist practices. They protect and legitimize the very state structures and companies we are opposing. They harass, arrest, fine, imprison our comrades.
 - Not talking to police except with a clear mandate, for example, if you are a police speaker.
 - The same goes for private security guards.
 - If these people talk to you, either you are the suspect, your comrades are, or they are gathering info to use against you and your friends in the future. Not talking to cops is not only safer for you, but safer for the group as a whole. So even after the action, if you are identified and are 'invited' for an interrogation, never do so without consulting the group and our legal support.
- We are all responsible for our own actions** and we respect the choice of our comrades to withdraw from actions at any time. We do our best to avoid any form of group pressure.
- We engage to support people who face legal repercussions.** This support can take many forms : financially, organizing support action, increase visibility...

2. Political positioning

This part of the action framework aims to inform you on the political position of Stop Arming Israel Belgium.

1. **The main line of communication** of Stop Arming Israel Belgium is:

- Belgium is complicit in the Genocide and the occupation of Palestine. Many companies continue to participate in Israel's armament, through the collaboration with Israeli arms companies and more specifically Ebit, through the transit of weapons or the production of military components ending up in Israel
- It is urgent to corner Israel by taking immediate sanctions at all levels, including a real arms and economic embargo. We cannot rely on governments, so we mobilize to apply sanctions ourselves and impose a people's embargo.
- The purpose of our actions is to disrupt the activities of the Belgian military-industrial complex, to cut the supply chains of the Israeli army and cause economic losses to ~~for~~ their deadly business.
- This action will focus on one specific company, owned by Israel's largest military company Elbit, and its large network (ie. contractors)

2. **We position ourselves in support of the Palestinian people and a liberated Palestine.** We seek to avoid a Eurocentric positioning and center Palestinian perspectives. This means recognising the one hundred years of anti-colonial struggle in Palestine, the fundamental principles of the Palestinian struggle for self determination and the 1968 Palestinian National Charter, which includes but is not limited to the recognition of :

- Palestine as an indivisible territorial unit, with Jerusalem as its indivisible capital city;
- The non-negotiable right to return for all Palestinian refugees to the homes and lands they were exiled from since the beginning of Zionist colonization
- The right of resistance in all its forms to end the colonization of Palestine.

3. **Grounded in our solidarity with Palestine, we align with anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist and anti-colonial movements across the world.** Whereas our site of struggle is different from that of Kanaky, Sudan, Congo, Kashmir, Rojava and elsewhere, the mechanisms of oppression and the administrators of colonial and imperial violence remain the same. Thereby we understand that our mobilization, and the Palestinian struggle we act in solidarity with, is intimately linked to the struggle of all oppressed peoples of the world.

4. **We firmly oppose all forms of anti-semitism, while rejecting its instrumentalization by Israel.** We refuse the conflation between anti-zionism and anti-semitism, presenting any criticism of zionism, the occupation, or Israeli

apartheid as anti-semitic. The conflation is used to criminalize the Palestinian struggle and solidarity while it invisibilizes the dangerous rise of anti-semitism in Europe, particularly by right-wing groups.

5. **We are a grass-root movement engaged in disobedience actions.** Drawing from social movements throughout history, we see disobedience as a tool to build leverage against states, companies and private actors who are no longer accountable to the public. Rather than seeking to appeal to those in power, we rely on our own collective capacity to exert pressure.

6. **Our methods of action never include physical harm to people.** At the same time, we reject the attempt to divide our movement between "violent" and "peaceful" activists. We know that this artificial division works to normalize the violence continuously perpetrated by states and capitalist actors, while demonizing the use of violence in self-defence or as part of struggles for liberation. In doing so, we place ourselves in the longer history of civil disobedience movements in solidarity with liberation struggles rather than their contradiction.

7. **Our targets are the companies, not the individual workers.** Nevertheless, the workers in these companies can therefore have an impact on the companies' activities. We invite workers to reflect on their role within the companies, and the power they hold to pressure their companies to end the complicity with Israel's genocidal warfare on Gaza. There are multiple examples of workers' movements and unions across the world who have refused to be complicit through strikes and blockades. We invite workers to join these initiatives.

