

ICJP Resolution on Gilad Shalit

Done in Jerusalem, Israel, June 29, 2011:

Whereas Israel completed its withdrawal from Gaza on September 12, 2005;

Whereas, on June 25, 2006, the terrorist organization Hamas, together with other allied terrorists, crossed into Israel to attack a military post, killing two soldiers and wounding and kidnapping Gilad Shalit, in a blatantly extortionate effort to coerce the Government of Israel;

Whereas Hamas, contrary to international law and the most basic standards of human conduct, has prevented access to Gilad Shalit by competent medical personnel and representatives of the international Committee of the Red Cross; has refused to allow the Shalit family to contact him; and has compelled him to appear in a propaganda video;

Whereas Gilad Shalit has been held in captivity by Hamas for over 5 years;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

The International Council of Jewish Parliamentarians,

-- Expresses solidarity with the family of Gilad Shalit with whom participants at the International Consultation of Jewish Parliamentarians met in Jerusalem on June 28;

-- Demands Gilad Shalit's immediate and unconditional release from captivity by the terrorist organization Hamas;

-- Expresses its deep disgust at the treatment by Hamas of Gilad Shalit and the numerous and continuing violations of his rights as a captured soldier, and as a human being under international law, and contrary to the most basic standards of human conduct;

-- Acknowledges with appreciation the many efforts by governments, parliaments, non-governmental organizations and citizens around the world to secure the release of Gilad Shalit;

-- Calls on all international organizations and governments to continue to press constantly for Gilad Shalit's immediate and unconditional release from captivity.