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### South Africa

“I think this action and call is long overdue, and I support it wholeheartedly. I will of course sign it in support and try my best to spread this message as widely as I can.”

**Allan Boesak**, *Professor of Black Liberation Theology and Ethics, University of Pretoria*

“I strongly endorse the call of the Palestinian Christians for justice without which there can be no lasting or genuine peace in the Middle East.”

**John de Gruchy**, *Emeritus Professor of Christian Studies, University of Cape Town, Extraordinary Professor of Theology, Stellenbosch University*

“We, the Council of African Independent Churches (CAIC), intend to honor and defend the rights of the Palestinian people to dignity, self-determination, and the fundamental human rights guaranteed under international law, including the right of return for Palestinian refugees. We, CAIC, reaffirm that it is time for the international community to recognize Israel as an apartheid state in terms of international law.”

**Bishop Thami Ngcana**, *on behalf of the Council of African Independent Churches for the international community to recognize Israel as an apartheid state in terms of international law.*

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“In the situation of the oppression of Palestinians by the Israeli Government which is intensifying every day due to the support from the United States Government, Christians’ silence and inaction give support to injustice and contribute to the dehumanization and death of the Palestinians. It is for freedom and full life of all—including the Palestinians—that Jesus came to the world, died and resurrected! Faith in Christ therefore demands that Christians everywhere preach, work and demand full and free life for all. I cannot then be a follower of Christ and support the oppression of Palestinians or of any other people. All human beings are created in God’s image and deserve to be treated with dignity. It is for that reason that I endorse the call to decisive action!”

**Bishop N Purity Malinga**, *Presiding Bishop, Methodist Church of Southern Africa*

“The Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA) has studied the Call and endorses it entirely. Palestinians have been held neckdown for decades. We cannot allow them to suffocate any further. Silence is complicit with suffocation.”

**Bishop Luke Pato**, *Anglican Bishop of Namibia, representing the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (ACSA)*