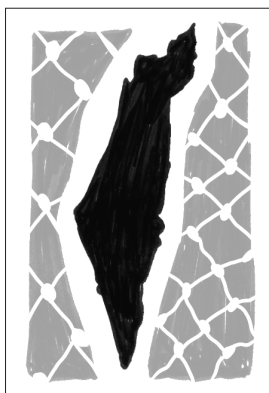




COP30 PALESTINE SOLIDARITY TOOLKIT

A GUIDE FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE
AT THE CROSSROADS



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ten years after Paris, COP30 meets in Belém amid a crisis of legitimacy.



As governments celebrate a decade of climate promises, Israel's genocide and ecocide in Gaza continue into their second year: over 60,000 Palestinians killed, entire ecosystems destroyed, and greenhouse gas emissions from warfare exceeding those of more than 100 countries combined.

Brazil, the COP30 host, sits at the heart of this contradiction.

In 2024 alone, Brazil exported over \$215 million in mineral fuels to Israel—roughly 30% of bilateral trade. More than 2.7 million barrels of Brazilian crude reached Israel, often triangulated via Italy's Saras refinery, supplying the occupation's war machine. Meanwhile, the Lula administration has approved new offshore oil blocks at the mouth of the Amazon River.

The climate movement faces a choice: legitimacy or complicity.

This toolkit provides concrete strategies for delegates, civil society, unions, and media to center Palestine at COP30 and demand real climate justice.

CORE DEMANDS

1. Expel Israel from COP30 and the UNFCCC

Under Article 6 of the UN Charter, states that persistently violate Charter principles can be expelled. The ICJ Advisory Opinion (2024) and UNGA Resolution A/RES/ES-10/24 confirm Israel's unlawful occupation and impose binding obligations on all states to end cooperation.

WHY IT MATTERS

A state committing genocide and apartheid cannot participate in climate negotiations without destroying the UNFCCC's credibility. The expulsion of apartheid South Africa set the precedent.

2. Enforce a People's Energy Embargo

The supply chain:

Brazilian crude → Italian refineries (Saras/Vitol) → Israeli ports (Haifa, Ashdod). South African coal continues to flow despite union protests.

WHAT IS NEEDED

- Immediate embargo on all oil, coal, and gas exports to Israel
- Sanctions on companies complicit in the war economy
- Just transition support for workers implementing embargoes

WHY IT MATTERS

The Mitigation Work Programme and Just Transition Work Programme cannot be credible while fossil fuels power genocide. Dockworkers in Italy, Colombia, and South Africa have shown the way—their labor refusal is climate action.

3. Ban False Solutions

Solar geoengineering trials, carbon offset schemes, and market mechanisms that enable militarized extractivism under the guise of "climate innovation." Alternatively we need to operationalize Article 6.8 (Non-Market Approaches) to fund community-led renewable energy, water systems, and agroecology.

WHY IT MATTERS

These schemes entrench corporate control and sideline communities. Real solutions come from energy democracy, not carbon markets.

4. Count and Cut Military Emissions

The military activity accounts for ~5.5% of global emissions, mostly unreported.

WHAT IS NEEDED

- Mandatory disclosure of military emissions in national inventories
- Reallocation of military budgets to climate finance
- Ban fossil, arms, and apartheid-linked corporations from UNFCCC spaces

WHY IT MATTERS

A credible Global Stocktake requires closing the military-emissions gap. Demilitarization is a climate strategy.

5. Indigenous Solidarity – Land Back Everywhere

From Palestine to the Amazon to Wet'suwet'en Yintah, Indigenous peoples face the same nexus of extractivism, militarization, and erasure.

WHAT IS NEEDED

- Recognition of Indigenous sovereignty in all climate frameworks
- Halt corporate-military partnerships in extractive projects
- Commitment to reparations and land-back processes

WHY IT MATTERS

Indigenous territories are living climate solutions. Their defense is inseparable from ending fossil expansion and decolonizing climate governance.

INSIDE THE NEGOTIATIONS:

Mitigation Work Programme (MWP) / Global Stocktake (GST)

"Enhanced ambition cannot coexist with fossil militarism. Parties must inventory, quantify, and report military and occupation-related emissions within national inventories. Parties should end all fossil energy flows to states violating international law, consistent with the duty of non-assistance under UNGA A/RES/ES-10/24 and the ICJ Advisory Opinion (2024)."

IMPACT

Explicitly ties 1.5°C pathways to ending fossil exports that enable genocide and occupation.

Just Transition Work Programme (JTWP) / Belem Action Mechanism (BAM)

"A Just Transition is incompatible with war economies and resource militarization. Parties must integrate demilitarization and occupied peoples' rights—land, water, energy—into the JTWP. Establish a Demilitarization Track providing worker-led embargo transitions, dockworker protections, and pathways to public ownership of energy systems. Ban military or surveillance applications of climate funds and technologies."

IMPACT

- Creates institutional space for worker-led embargoes
- Ensures Brazil's BAM delivers non-debt, grant-based finance
- Includes occupied contexts in the Knowledge Hub

Article 6 (Markets & Non-Market Approaches)

"Call for a moratorium on new market mechanisms, offsets, and geoengineering pilots, including solar-radiation management. Operationalize Article 6.8 to deliver public, non-market finance for agroecology, community-led water and energy systems, and municipal control of utilities."

IMPACT

Rejects "green defense" offsets and weaponization of climate mechanisms.

Loss & Damage (Warsaw International Mechanism / Fund)

"Recognize war, genocide, and ecocide as primary drivers of irreversible Loss and Damage. Enable direct access to the Fund for Palestinian institutions and affected local entities. Establish a Register of Environmental Damage for Palestine, consistent with UNGA A/RES/ES-10/24, documenting war-linked climate destruction for reparations and accountability."

IMPACT

Creates pathway for Palestinian communities to access L&D finance and document ecocide.

LANGUAGE WE ACCEPT

Adaptation / Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) + Baku Adaptation Roadmap (BAR)

"Adaptation indicators must address post-conflict ecological recovery, land and water restitution, and community energy sovereignty. Means of Implementation must be treated as binding obligations, not voluntary 'enablers.'"

IMPACT

Ensures the BAR measures recovery from militarism and occupation-driven destruction.

Climate Finance / New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG)

"Under Article 9.1, establish a work programme guaranteeing predictable, grant-based public finance for developing countries. Set sub-targets for Just Transition, Adaptation, and Loss & Damage aligned with equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR-RC). Create a Reparations Window for Palestine to address military emissions, ecocide, and infrastructure destruction. Exclude perpetrators and complicit states from concessional climate finance until compliance with international law."

IMPACT

- Centers reparations as climate finance
- Rejects Brazil's Tropical Forest Forever Facility (bond-debt model)
- Creates accountability for complicit states

Response Measures (Forum & Katowice Committee)

"The Forum must assess trade and employment impacts of embargoes and sanctions tied to fossil militarism. Dedicate transition funds for port, refinery, and logistics workers affected by embargoes on Israel-linked supply chains. Increase transparency on EU-Israel gas linkages and CBAM spillover impacts."

IMPACT

Protects workers implementing embargoes and exposes complicit trade relationships.

Participation & Integrity (Conflict of Interest Policy)

"Guarantee safe participation for Palestinian delegates and environmental defenders. Adopt a Conflict-of-Interest policy excluding fossil fuel, arms, and apartheid-complicit corporations from UNFCCC accreditation, funding, and sponsorship."

IMPACT

Ensures Palestinian voices are protected and corporate capture is challenged.



WHO CAN DO WHAT

Negotiators

- Table precise language into all relevant workstreams (see prior sections)
- Support credential suspension references consistent with ICJ/UNGA duties
- Create a Palestine reparations window within the Loss & Damage Fund
- Protect direct access for Palestinian institutions to climate finance

Civil Society & Unions

- Coordinate dock and refinery blockades; enforce embargoes on the ground
- Document shipments (oil, coal, jet fuel) and report evasion tactics
- File submissions to JTWP/BAM on worker-led just transitions
- Push for conflict-of-interest policies excluding complicit corporations
- Demand a safe space for Palestinian participation

Media

FOLLOW THE ROUTES

NAME THE PLAYERS

QUANTIFY MILITARISM

EXPOSE GREENWASHING

FRAME THE LAW

CENTER VOICES

Brazil/Italy/South Africa → Israel

Petrobras, Shell, TotalEnergies, Vitol, Saras, Glencore

Calculate and headline military emissions

Track geoengineering and carbon offset schemes

Highlight ICJ/UNGA duties of non-assistance

Palestinian environmental defenders and dockworker unions

TALKING POINTS

For Negotiators

"Climate justice and international law are inseparable. We cannot negotiate a just transition while financing genocide. Palestine's struggle is the test case for whether this process has integrity."

For Unions

"We refuse to fuel genocide. Dockworkers in Italy, Colombia, and South Africa have shown that embargo enforcement is climate action. A real just transition protects workers who refuse complicity."

For Media

"The oil flowing from Brazil through Italy to Israel is the same oil approved at the mouth of the Amazon. This is the contradiction at the heart of COP30: fossil militarism disguised as climate leadership."

For All

"Justice for Palestine is justice for the planet. Kick Israel out. End fossil militarism. Fund real solutions."



KEY FACTS: THE BRAZIL-ITALY-ISRAEL OIL ROUTE



2024 Brazilian exports to Israel:

- \$215.9 million in mineral fuels (~30% of bilateral trade)
- 2.7 million barrels of crude oil

2025 triangulation:

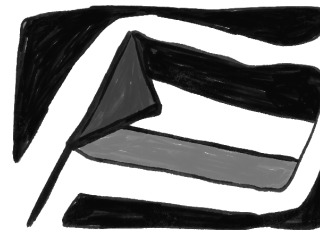
- Official exports drop to "zero"
- Reality: Brazilian crude processed through Italy's Saras refinery (owned by Vitol)
- Re-exported via "dark" ship-to-ship transfers near Cyprus and Egypt
- Destination: Haifa and Ashdod refineries

PETROBAS: Publicly denies direct sales, but crude from FPSO platforms off Rio and Espírito Santo is marketed through intermediaries.

WORKER RESISTANCE: Italian unions (USB, COBAS) have blocked ZIM cargo ships and oil tankers. The "No Harbour for Genocide" network now coordinates Mediterranean-wide port blockades.

KEY FACTS: WORKER-LED EMBARGOES

*WORKER POWER
ENFORCES EMBARGOES
WHERE GOVERNMENTS
FAIL.*



*JUST TRANSITION
MEANS SUPPORTING
THESE WORKERS.*

COLUMBIA

President Gustavo Petro halted coal exports to Israel (2024) following Sintracarbón union calls a historic precedent.

ITALY

Dockworkers blocked the "Seasalvia" oil tanker in Taranto. USB and COBAS unions coordinate with Spanish and Belgian counterparts.

SOUTH AFRICA

NUM and AMCU unions protest ongoing coal shipments from Richards Bay to Israel despite government hesitation.



**COP30 is
the moment.**

**Palestine is
the test.**

**Let's make
climate justice
real.**

CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

- ICJ Advisory Opinion on Israeli Occupation (2024)
- UNGA Resolution A/RES/ES-10/24 (duty of non-assistance)
- UN Charter Article 6 (expulsion procedures)
- Tracking tools:
- Maritime traffic data (AIS monitoring for “dark” transfers)
- Trade databases (Brazil-Italy-Israel mineral fuel flows)
- Union statements (USB, COBAS, Sintracarbón, NUM, AMCU)

For more information and to coordinate action: info@palclimateinstitute.org

