**Model Motion 3**

## Ethical Procurement within our Union, Human Rights and International Workers' Solidarity

**This branch notes:**

- Reports, rulings and investigations concerning human rights abuses, breaches of international law and conflict areas, including findings and developments from the United Nations, International Court of Justice (ICJ) and International Criminal Court (ICC), alongside humanitarian assessments.
- The ethical responsibility to ensure that union funds, investments, procurement decisions and contractual arrangements do not support occupation, apartheid or war crimes.
- Calls from the Palestinian trade union movement and the Palestinian BDS National Committee for international workers' solidarity, divestment and effective supply-chain pressure to end complicity in human rights violations.

**This branch believes:**

- Trade unions have a responsibility to defend human rights internationally, uphold international law and demonstrate solidarity with workers facing oppression, exploitation and conflict.
- The procurement and purchasing policies of our union must incorporate robust human rights due diligence, ensuring that contracts are not awarded to corporations implicated in violations of international law.
- Trade union funds, investments and purchasing power should be used ethically and consistently with the union's commitment to human rights, equality and international solidarity.

**This branch resolves to:**

1. Campaign for the union to adopt comprehensive Ethical Procurement (EPP) and Ethical Investment Policies (EIP) , incorporating human rights due diligence and clear criteria for excluding from procurement and investment decisions companies involved in, or materially contributing to, violations of international law.
2. Write to the Executive Committee / General Secretary calling for EPP and EIP policies to be implemented covering all the procurement, investment and purchasing arrangements of the union. Prepare a motion for the union's national conference instructing the Executive Committee / General Secretary to carry this out.
3. Promote and distribute campaigning materials, educational resources and practical guidance to support members in understanding their role in challenging complicity.

## Reference:

**Ethical Procurement & Ethical Investment Guide:**

https://bdsmovement.net/sites/default/files/2026-09/Adopting_Ethical_Procurement_Policy.pdf

https://bdsmovement.net/resources/ethical-investment-policy