

Petition: The Dutch government: freeze relations with Israel!

Inspired by the recent call to action by more than 70 former ambassadors, hundreds of civil servants, doctors, and lawyers - all professionals who are fully committed to The Netherlands and stand for a just world - we, as concerned citizens, petition for the following:

We call for the Dutch government and parliament to uphold the constitution upon which its rule of law is based. Article 90 of the Dutch constitution states that the government must uphold international law. The Dutch government is negligent in its duty to uphold international law and to protect the rights of Palestinian civilians who are the victims of Israeli war crimes in Gaza and the West Bank.

Following the horrific violence of October 7, Israel's collective punishment of the population of Gaza by means of mass starvation and the bombing of hospitals, civil infrastructure, churches, mosques, and innocent civilians is a most grave violation of international law.

The time of looking the other way is over. Israel must be reprimanded for its actions and there must be consequences for its serious and ongoing violations of international law. The Netherlands must freeze its economic, cultural, and military relations with Israel and undertake explicit diplomatic measures to this effect as long as Israel refuses to act in accordance with international law.

Every day The Netherlands continues to look the other way is a day of complicity in war crimes and crimes against humanity. The time to act is now!