**Motion *re* Imposing Sanctions on Israel**

That Dáil Éireann

* Expresses its horror at the death and devastation being wrought by the Israeli government in Gaza.
* Expresses its outrage at the scale of the death toll in Gaza, with more than 11,000 people having been killed including more than 5,000 children, 89 UN workers and 39 journalists.
* Expresses its abhorrence at the deliberate targeting by Israel of hospitals, schools, UNRWA installations, bakeries, residential buildings and civilian infrastructure in Gaza
* Deplores the inhumanity of cutting off access to food, clean water, fuel and medical supplies to more than 2 million people in Gaza.
* Abhors that more than 1.5 million people in Gaza have been displaced.
* Expresses its deep revulsion at the continuing collective punishment being meted out to civilians in Gaza by the Israeli government.
* Condemns the barbaric attack by Hamas on Israel on October 7 in which 1,400 people were killed and at least 243 people were kidnapped.
* Agrees that the taking of hostages is a war crime and demands the release of all hostages by Hamas.
* Notes that 50% of the population of Gaza are children and, according to the WHO, an average of 160 children are being killed every day in the territory.
* Further notes that Unicef has stated that one million children in Gaza lack access to safe water.
* Further notes that 180 women are giving birth every day in Gaza, 15% of whom will experience complications and need medical care that is currently unavailable.
* Notes the comments of Médecins Sans Frontières that the healthcare system in Gaza has collapsed and children are enduring operations like amputations without anaesthetic.

Expresses alarm that since October 7:

* Attacks by Israeli settlers in the West Bank against Palestinians, which were already at a record high this year, have hugely increased.
* At least 178 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank, including 45 children.
* At least 1,000 Palestinians have been displaced in the West Bank, including 424 children.
* More than 2,200 Palestinians in the West Bank have been detained, including 24 journalists.
* The number of Palestinians held in administrative detention increased from 1,319 to 2,070 between October 1 and November 1.

Agrees that:

* Israel has committed multiple breaches of international law in its assault on Gaza.
* The permissive and ambivalent response by the international community to this litany of breaches of international law by Israel has been shameful.
* EU Commission President Ursula Von Der Leyen’s unequivocal support for Israel, despite its flouting of international law, has seriously undermined the EU’s response to this crisis.
* A war crime is defined by the nature of the act – not the identity of the perpetrator.

Calls on the Government to:

* Intensify its advocacy for an immediate ceasefire and the release of hostages
* Provide strong leadership at EU level to advocate for economic sanctions on Israel, including:
* Suspension of the EU-Israel Association Agreement on the basis of a serious breach of the essential elements human rights clause in that agreement.
* Suspension of the EU-Israel Horizon Europe Association Agreement and Israel’s access to the €95 billion Horizon Europe fund for research and innovation.
* Make a referral to the International Criminal Court requesting that it investigate whether members of the Israeli government and military have committed war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity in Gaza.
* Enact the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 and the Illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill 2023 as a matter of urgency.
* Withdraw the diplomatic status of the Israeli Ambassador given the failure of the Israeli State to cease the deliberate targeting of civilians, journalists, UN staff and healthcare workers.
* Pursue all possible avenues at the EU and the UN to build an international alliance for peace to provide a pathway away from violence and back to the negotiation table.