

DIVESTMENT MOTION

Whereas:

1. Dalhousie University is committed to upholding ethical standards in its investments, fostering human rights and justice globally, and fulfilling its Third Century Promise,
2. On July 19, 2024, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) issued its advisory opinion, declaring that Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories is illegal under International Law ¹,
3. Dalhousie University is invested in numerous corporations that directly benefit from and support the Israeli occupation, the actions of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), and operations in illegal settlements in Palestinian territories,
4. Continued investments in these corporations may pose reputational and legal risks to Dalhousie University, as they contravene principles of International Law and recognized standards for ethical investments,
5. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) called upon (resolution 32/161) “all States, international organizations, specialized agencies, investment corporations and all other institutions not to recognize, or cooperate with or assist in any manner in, any measures undertaken by Israel to exploit the resources of the occupied territories or to effect any changes in the demographic composition or geographic character or institutional structure of those territories.” ²,
6. Since October 2023, Israel’s attacks on Gaza have killed at least 43,972 people, including 17,492 children, injured more than 104,008 people, displaced around 2 million people, and destroyed over 62% of homes ³,
7. Israel has killed at least 785 people, including at least 167 children and injured more than 6,250 people in the Occupied West Bank ⁴,
8. Israel has destroyed 87% of Gaza’s entire educational infrastructure, constituting a scholasticide,
9. Since October 8, 2024, Israel Forces have killed more than 3,500 people in Lebanon and injured 14,929 people ⁵,
10. The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) has collected over 1,000 signatures from Dalhousie students, faculty, staff, and alumni through its petition demanding divestment from Israeli corporations and corporations that benefit from the Israeli occupation, and
11. The Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) has submitted an open letter in support of divestment, calling for the university to align its investments with principles of human rights and international law.

Be it resolved that the Dalhousie Board of Governors commits to:

1. Immediate divestment:

- Divest all direct holdings in Israeli corporations and any corporations that contribute to or benefit from the Israeli occupation, the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), or the operation of illegal settlements in Palestine, as listed in the Appendix;

2. Prohibition of future investments:

- Amend the university's investment policies to prohibit any future direct investments in Israeli corporations and corporations that contribute to or benefit from the Israeli occupation, until Israel ends its illegal occupation of Palestinian territories;

3. Progress reporting:

- Present an interim report on the progress of these commitments at the next Board of Governors meeting and provide annual progress reports at the September Board of Governors meeting.

Be it further resolved that the Dalhousie Board of Governors mandates an immediate amendment to the Investment Policy as follows:

- **Article 5.14:** "The endowment fund will not directly invest in Israeli corporations and corporations that contribute to or benefit from the Israeli occupation in the State of Israel."