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### Statement of Support for Wet'suwet'en

Palestine Solidarity Collective at York University offers full solidarity and support to the Wet'suwet'en nation and peoples in the lands now called "British Columbia". Our organization recognizes the independence of the Wet'suwet'en nation as unceded territory and calls upon the government of Canada to recognize this sovereignty. We also call upon the government to immediately implement the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) and the calls to action as presented by the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#) as the framework for Crown-Indigenous relations.

We are appalled at the recent response by the Canadian government to a peaceful nation asserting its rights to their lands. As a sovereign entity, the Wet'suwet'en have every right to manage and consent to any "developments" made on their territories. The fact that the RCMP, a policing force with an extensive history of colonial violence, has been deployed to uphold corporate interests is inexcusable. We see such actions by the government as an abject continuation of Canadian genocide levied against Indigenous peoples. At such moments, we are reminded of the similarities between the oppression that the First Peoples face on Turtle Island and the oppression that Palestinians face in Palestine. It is only united that we can end neo-colonialism and the relentless threat that capitalism poses to our future and the future of everyone to come.

We encourage the world to support Indigenous communities not just in their words, but in [their actions too](#). We ask that the fight for equity and justice never stop

and that we continue to advocate for a better world. There is hope for the future, but only if we pursue it together.

