

ICCP: REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
September 1987 - September 1988

1. The follow-up of the resolutions of the fourth International Conference of NGOs on the Question of Palestine:

The office, with various NGOs, followed up the work of these workshops or special interest groups:

- the image of Arabs
- Israeli piracy at sea
- a conference on "Peace in the Mediterranean"
- a symposium on "Palestinian children under occupation"
- the building up of a network of NGOs in Latin America
- A Palestinian women's tour to North America.

2. Organisation of trips and missions:

Since it was established, the ICCP office has often given addresses and recommendations to delegations or individuals going to Israel or the occupied territories. Since the beginning of the uprising, this service has increased. At the end of December, with the French NGOs, ICCP took part in a mission to the territories. At the end of March, an ICCP delegation went to the territories (you saw their report in the ICCP newsletter). The Director visited from the end of May to the beginning of June, meeting various popular committees, the Palestinian women's associations, Palestinian trade unionists, all the Palestinians who were to take part in the European and International Conferences, various Israeli NGOs, both long-established ones and new ones set up during the uprising.

3. Information and actions:

We receive many newspapers and reviews in exchange for our publications, as well as telexes or telefaxes from various sources (Israeli, Palestinian, others...). According to the seriousness of the case, we then launch an appeal to all or various NGOs (who then reproduce the appeal themselves) giving the most important points, suggesting actions or themes for message of protest. Not only do many of you react quickly to these proposals, but you also send us copies of your letters, which gives us an indication of the impact of our work. We would like to improve our network, and also communicate our appeals for action to new NGOs in each region.

4. Publications:

ICCP newsletters nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and a special issue on prisoners.

Working papers nos. 1 - 5.

The Children of Stones: no.1:10/5; no.2:8/7; no.3:22/8.

All these publications are in English and French, and sent to 850 addresses. But now we have published one ICCP newsletter and "Children of Stones" in Spanish, and will continue to do so. The special issue on prisoners has also been translated into Spanish.

We envisage working together with groups of NGOs or countries in the preparation of background papers on particular subjects.

Given the financial difficulties, we anticipate asking for a subscription to ICCP publications, in addition to the minimum US\$ 100 which it is still hoped NGOs will contribute.

5. Relations with other coordinating bodies:

The office has prepared and participated in the three meetings of the International Coordinating Committee and works closely with the President in its application of the decisions taken during these meetings.

The ICCP office has also taken part in all the meetings of the European Coordinating Committee. The ICCP office issued two newsletters for the European committee. It has shared in the preparation of the conference on Trade Unions (as happened last year for the European conference and the meeting on health conditions in the territories and Lebanon).

The Director took part in the conference of North American NGOs and in the first meeting of the new North American Coordinating Committee, which was elected during this conference. He also worked closely with the French coordinating body, and took part in the meeting of Scandinavian NGOs in Helsinki, and was able to share in various problems with the Coordinating Committee in the West Bank during his stay in Jerusalem.

Several problems remain. In particular, the question of division of tasks (particularly for publications) and of resource-sharing.

6. Various contacts and specific actions:

- The Director took part in the meeting in Oxford on the problems of refugees and non-refugees in the West Bank and Gaza.
- He was one of the speakers in the three days' seminar organised by CIMADE in France, and in various other conferences.
- The Director also took part in the 44th session of the Commission on Human Rights, on points 4 (violations of human rights in the occupied territories) and 9 (the right to self-determination).
- The Director took part in the meetings organised for NGOs by the United Nations and the High Commissioner of the UN for refugees.

7. Projects:

- Building up a file on Palestinian films.
- Developing networks in Asia and Africa.
- Coordinating various NGOs on development projects in the occupied territories.
- Preparing a conference with Israeli NGOs in Jerusalem to which Palestinian NGOs will be invited.
- Preparing a conference of NGOs in Latin America, unless the Division decides to prepare such a conference under its auspices.

8. Development of the office:

The personnel of the ICCP office in Geneva has finally grown, as a result of the work, which has increased with the uprising. From September 1987 until the beginning of April 1988, the Director was alone. Then at the beginning of April Juan-Carlos Giacosa was employed as a consultant for 3 months which were then renewed at the ICCP meeting in June. Then Margaret Finch started in mid-April as Administrative Assistant. This increase in staff was based on promises of financial aid, and on the hope that all NGOs will make their minimum US \$100 contribution for the services provided by the office. We hope that the present staff-level can be maintained. Our "trio" could be very effective in implementing all the activities you expect of us and answering the hopes that you have in the Geneva office of ICCP.

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