

### **Feminist Policy Forum Statement on the Occupation of Palestine**

Since 1948, the United Nations has demanded that Israel return the occupied territories of Palestine. Meanwhile, that country, supported by the United States among others, has carried out policies of occupation, genocide and deprivation of the most elementary rights of the Palestinian people.

A little more than a decade ago, Israel intensified the blockade in all senses, generating a situation that has meant for the inhabitants of Palestine, hunger, health problems, prison and lack of free movement, turning the Gaza Strip into special, in an immense prison for about 2 million people. According to a report of the United Nations of 2012, in 2020 Gaza will be uninhabitable because of this blockade. In 2018, we are close to this land becoming what they have foreseen.



For all these reasons, in 2010 the first "flotilla for freedom" was created and today, 8 years later, we repeat, because the causes and the recurrent violation of the rights of the Palestinian people have not changed.

The Feminist Policy Forum supports the Freedom Flotilla, with an active presence on the boats and, from the perspective that gives us the first-hand knowledge of what is happening with the ships of "Women on their way to Gaza, Flotilla de la Libertad ", Blocked and attacked by Israel, wants to manifest the following:

- Our unconditional support for the actions carried out by this flotilla that only seek to make visible the situation of defenselessness and abandonment of Palestine and especially of its women, claiming a territory and a state consistent with UN resolutions since 1948.

- We demand the Spanish state and the European Union to claim Israel, as an occupying country and the countries that support it, lift the blockade and return to Gaza and the rest of Palestine, its territory and the possibility of living in peace and according to the rights of every people.

