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Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories: 36 agencies call for an end to demolitions

Since the resumption of the peace process in July, Israel has destroyed 207 Palestinian homes and property in the occupied West Bank, displacing 311 Palestinians, over half of whom are children.¹ These demolitions, in areas under Israeli control, have driven Palestinian families from their communities and their land, increasing poverty and the need for humanitarian assistance. Such demolition of civilian property is in direct violation of International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law, which prohibits demolitions carried out without military necessity. Demolitions often occur to facilitate the expansion of illegal Israeli settlements, with 60 percent of demolitions occurring in Palestinian communities close to settlement zones.

We the undersigned call for an immediate end to these demolitions.

1. Action Against Hunger (ACF)
2. ActionAid
3. Amnesty International
4. American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)
5. CARE International
6. The Carter Center
7. CCFD - Terre Solidaire
8. Christian Aid
9. Cooperazione Internazionale (COOPI)
10. Cordaid
11. DanChurchAid
12. Diakonia
13. Euro Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN)
14. Heinrich Böll Stiftung
15. Help Age
16. Human Rights Watch (HRW)
17. ICCO
18. The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)
19. International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
20. Islamic Relief World Wide
21. Japan International Volunteer Center (JVC)
22. Kvinna til Kvinna
23. The Lutheran World Federation
24. Medical Aid for Palestinians – MAP UK
25. medico international
26. Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)
27. Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)
28. Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
29. Oxfam
30. Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH)
31. Quaker Peace and Social Witness (QPSW)
32. Save the Children

¹ Figures from 28 July 2013- 2 December 2013, Protection of Civilians Database, OCHA

33. Secours Islamique France
34. Terre des hommes Italy
35. Terre des hommes CH (Switzerland)
36. World Vision Jerusalem-West Bank- Gaza