

**This Branch notes:**

1. Israel's assault on Palestinians in Gaza has killed tens of thousands, displaced 90% of Gaza's population, and caused widespread destruction.
2. The International Court of Justice has ruled South Africa's case, that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza, to be plausible, and the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court prosecutor is seeking arrest warrants against senior members of the Israeli government for war crimes and crimes against humanity.
3. Israel's militarised violence against Palestinians sustains its system of oppression that amounts to the crime against humanity of apartheid.
4. Research by Palestine Solidarity Campaign identifying that Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) funds collectively invest over £4.4billion in companies enabling Israel's grave violations of international law.
5. As a State Party to the Genocide Convention, the UK government, including local councils, have a legal obligation to take all possible steps to deter, prevent and punish genocidal acts.

**This Branch believes:**

1. That the Hertfordshire Pension Fund represents scheme members' money and should be invested in scheme members' interests.
2. That scheme members are concerned that their pensions should not be invested in companies involved in the occupation and the violation of Palestinian human rights.
3. This branch resolves to campaign for Hertfordshire Pension Fund to:
  - a. Begin the process of divestment from companies complicit in Israel's war crimes, including companies supplying weapons, components, and military technology to Israel.
  - b. Begin the process of divestment from companies listed on the United Nations database of business enterprises involved in or with the illegal settlements.
  - c. Commit to not invest in any companies enabling Israel's grave violations of international law, including crimes against humanity.
  - d. Commit to not invest in any companies listed on the United Nations database of business enterprises involved in or with the illegal settlements.