

LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION # 2S

2025 SPRING SESSION

**Legislative Action:**

Introduced by: GPSA Chief of Staff Stephanie Flores

1st Reading:

Referred To:

2nd Reading:

Committee Action:

3rd Reading:

Council Action:

**Executive Action:**

GPSA President

Date

This resolution calls upon the University of New Mexico (UNM) Foundation Board of Trustees and the UNM Board of Regents to divest from companies complicit in committing morally reprehensible actions, including perpetrating genocide and maintaining an apartheid state in Occupied Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon, all while perpetuating systemic cruelty to children throughout Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon and,

**Whereas**, ethical investment portfolios, like the Cornerstone Fund, integrate social, environmental, or ethical criteria into financial investment decisions while taking our funds out of exploitative practices and,

**Whereas**, the UNM Foundation has a fiduciary responsibility to consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors which “present material business risks” to the financial prosperity of the University and,

**Whereas**, continuing to support companies complicit in genocide bears an untenable financial risk to the university endowment funds and,

**Whereas**, the State of Israel is currently engaged in genocidal settler colonial expansionism against the indigenous Arab inhabitants of Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon in violation of the UN Charter, Genocide Convention, Rome Statue, Hague Convention, and Geneva Conventions, and is in defiance of provisional orders from the International Court of Justice and outstanding arrest warrants from the International Criminal Court and,

**Whereas**, in its 2040: Vision, Mission, and Values, UNM claims a commitment to “[being] a global leader in realizing human potential, addressing critical community challenges, and demonstrating the power of inclusive diversity.” The university’s valuing of fairness, honesty,

1 and transparency is directly contradicted by its partnerships with and investments in the  
2 companies complicit in the destruction of all seven of Gaza's universities, the murder of ninety-  
3 four university professors, and the interruption of the education of 625,000 school-age  
4 Palestinian children and,

5 **Whereas,** The University of New Mexico University holds portfolio and direct investments in  
6 corporations profiting from the ongoing Israeli military occupation of Palestine, Syria, and  
7 Lebanon, thereby making UNM a beneficiary of systemic human rights abuses and violations of  
8 international law by the State of Israel such as the crime of apartheid, crimes of aggression, war  
9 crimes, crimes against humanity, and the plausible crime of genocide in Palestine, Syria, and  
10 Lebanon and,

11 **Whereas,** Palestinian civil society issued a call in 2005 for boycott, divestment, and sanctions  
12 (BDS) against Israel which targets institutions and not individuals and,

13 **Whereas,** members of the UNM school community including numerous student and community  
14 organizations have publicly advocated for divestment from genocidal institutions since before  
15 October 2023 and,

16 **Whereas,** peer institutions across the United States, such as Brown University, Stanford  
17 University, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Michigan, Northwestern  
18 University, and the University of Chicago have passed resolutions to divest from companies that  
19 profit from the plausible genocide, apartheid, crimes of aggression, war crimes, and crimes  
20 against humanity that includes systematic cruelty to children in Occupied Palestine, Syria, and  
21 Lebanon, and others have added policies which include quarterly disclosure and screening for  
22 new investments and,

23 **Whereas,** [Axiom International Small Cap Equity Fund](#) and [BlackRock ACWI ex USA Index](#) —  
24 together own shares in 15 companies based in Israel, including defense company Elbit Systems  
25 Ltd - which manufactures and supplies about 85% of the Israeli military's drones, according to  
26 the [Database of Israeli Military and Security Export](#), and claims to produce many of the weapons  
27 systems used to perpetuate these war crimes and,

28 **Whereas,** UNM holds bonds in Honeywell international, a company who produces [missile parts](#)  
29 used by the IDF and,

30 **Whereas,** Honeywell manufactures HG1930 — a measurement unit used in missiles, according  
31 to [Honeywell's website](#). On June 6, fragments of HG1930 were recovered from a missile that  
32 targeted a UN-run school in Gaza, killing 40 Palestinians and,

33 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Graduate Professional Student Association at the  
34 University of New Mexico formally calls upon UNM to divest entirely from weapons  
35 manufacturers, firms, academic programs, corporations, and all other institutions that aid the  
36 ongoing illegal occupations of Palestine, Syria, Lebanon and the accompanying genocides of  
37 Palestinians, Syrians, and Lebanese, including withdrawing investments in securities,

1 endowments, mutual funds, and different monetary instruments that provide material assistance  
2 to the commission or maintenance of flagrant violations of international law and human rights  
3 against Palestinians, Syrians, and Lebanese; and,

4 **NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The Graduate Professional Student Association calls  
5 upon all institutions and organizations within the University of New Mexico community to  
6 divest from institutions, weapons manufacturers, firms, academic programs, corporations, and all  
7 other institutions that aid the ongoing illegal occupation of Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon, and  
8 the genocide of Palestinians, Syrians, and Lebanese and,

9 **NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be  
10 forwarded to the UNM Board of Regents, UNM Board of Trustees, the UNM President Garnett  
11 Stokes, Provost James Holloway, the Vice President of Student Affairs Eric Scott, and the UNM  
12 Dean of Students Nasha Torrez, Representative Melanie Stansbury, and Governor Michelle  
13 Lujan Grisham.