

FP #1 – Foreign Policy – Oppose adoption of IHRA definition of Anti-Semitism
Ayman Fadel (Columbia County) offers the following:

From the chapter on Foreign Policy, amend Plank 12, as follows:

12. Support an End to the Occupation of the Palestinian People and Palestinian lands

Our position must support the quest for peace with justice. In order to achieve such a goal, we make the following recommendations: (a) halting of any further settlement development in the Palestinian territories; (b) rolling back of present settler communities; (c) the creation of a one secular, democratic state for Palestinians and Israelis throughout Palestine with Jerusalem as its capital; (d) a sustained campaign to educate both sides of each other's language, heritage, and plight; (e) equitable access for Palestinians to Israeli educational institutions; (f) during the transition, the removal of the apartheid wall, checkpoints and other mechanisms which violate the right of Palestinians to the facilitation of commerce and free movement of the labor force aimed at raising the standard of living of the Palestinian People. We acknowledge the disproportionate level of violence in this conflict exerted by the Israeli state. Consistent with this we see a specific role for the Israeli state in halting such aggression so as to positively influence the potential for a peaceful resolution to the conflict. We support the just demands of the Palestinian solidarity movement for boycott of, divestment from and sanctions of Israeli institutions. Specifically, we join the call for the termination of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange. This program was set up in the early 90's with the cooperation of the state of Georgia with the purpose of operating as a type of law enforcement exchange or study abroad for current Police Officers with their counterparts in Israel. We call for the repeal of Georgia SB 327, which requires that companies or individuals contracting with the state not engage in activities related to the boycott of Israel. We oppose the use of the advisory definition of antisemitism adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). Specifically, we oppose adoption of SB 30 of the 2023-24 Georgia Legislative Session.