As Human Geography chair group and Environmental Governance and Politics chair group at Radboud University, we are committed to working towards a world of social justice for all. With this commitment as a guide, and in line with other Universities and departments in Europe and beyond, we wish to take a clear position with respect to the ongoing onslaught of Gaza, the Palestinian people and their educational and health infrastructures by the Israeli state. The International Court of Justice declared that some of the claims by South Africa regarding genocide are plausible. In our view, the current episode of violence cannot be understood and linked only to recent tensions in the region, but also derives from decades of illegal military occupation, an apartheid regime, and a settler colonial project which builds illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land.

As committed and critically engaged academics, we believe our commitment to social justice does not stop with what we write or teach about conflict, borders, cities and injustices. There are times when we must do more, and such a moment has arisen. To that end we hereby declare that we as a chair group will no longer support the agreements between our university and Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. This will endure until these two universities end their complicity in this war, and apartheid, dispossession, and military occupation. Thereby we also urge our own university to end these agreements, and cut its ties to other complicit institutions and companies, like other universities around the world have done. Moreover, and most importantly, we join the many voices around the world and call for an immediate ceasefire, ending the onslaught in Gaza.