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The representatives of governments (Austria, Germany, GB, F, USA etc.) should be indicted for supporting war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide! M.M.

In Spain, all 76 public and private universities have announced that they will suspend agreements with Israeli faculties and research centres if the Tel Aviv government does not immediately end the war in Gaza. In a statement, the Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities demands "an immediate and definitive end to the Israeli army's military operations, as well as any terrorist action, and the release of those kidnapped by Hamas" and that Israel "respect international law and allow all humanitarian aid that can be provided to cover the emergency of its civilian population to enter Gaza, and that the appropriate measures be articulated by international organisations to undertake the reconstruction and recovery of Palestinian territory as soon as possible".

The Spanish rectors pledge to "review and, if necessary, suspend collaboration agreements with Israeli universities and research centres that have not expressed a firm commitment to peace and respect for international humanitarian law".

Another commitment approved by the Spanish universities is to "intensify cooperation with the Palestinian scientific and higher education system and extend our cooperation, volunteer and refugee programmes". Internally, they pledge to "ensure that, in the exercise of freedom of expression, there is no equally reprehensible behaviour of anti-Semitism or Islamophobia, as well as any other hateful behaviour within university communities".

Also in Ireland, Trinity College Dublin announced the end of partnerships with Israeli companies after five days of protests at the university.

The Spanish and Irish governments had announced that they would recognise the State of Palestine in the first half of the year and Irish public television says that all indications are that the date chosen will be 21 May, before the start of the electoral campaign for the European elections. Today the State of Palestine is recognised by the vast majority of countries, with 143 already doing so, while the US and EU states are isolated in this regard from the rest of the world.

This week, four Norwegian universities - the University of Bergen, the University of Bergen School of Architecture, OsloMet and South Eastern Norway (USN) - decided to end their student exchange programmes with Israel. "The Israeli authorities have chosen to ignore the statements of the International Court of Justice and have not taken any measures to improve the humanitarian situation. That's why we no longer want to have a co-operation agreement with Israeli universities," USN rector Pia Cecilie Bing-Jonsson told the University World News website, quoted by Público.