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Subject: FAO Gary Smith,GMB: anti-Semitism allegations against Pete Gregson

Dear Gary Smith,

I write on behalf of Scottish Friends of Palestine (SFoP), a body now in its 36th year, established as an advocate of Palestinian rights within Scotland and beyond.

We have looked at the situation now facing GMB member, Peter Gregson, and, quite frankly, he has no case to answer. Given more time we could have prepared a comprehensive witness statement on behalf of Mr Gregson however I bring two aspects of the Israeli state, its treatment of its own citizens, to your attention.

First I would draw your attention to the Israel based organisation, *Adalah*, and, in particular, the following link to found on its website <https://www.adalah.org/en/content/view/7771> where you will find details of over 65 discriminatory laws to be found in Israel as of September 2017. *Adalah*, you will note, is an independent human rights organisation and legal centre established in 1996. Its message to the world is basically the same as that of Mr Gregson's petition to Labour's NEC - and even Israel has never closed down *Adalah's* democratic right to speak to speak the truth.

Further, in SFoP's experience Israel has always been quite obliging when it comes to shedding a light on its behaviour towards the Palestinian people including their absence of rights. Only last week Israel's parliament, the Knesset, voted down a Bill modelled on the exact wording found within the state's 'Declaration of Independence' ([See here](#)).

We would urge you to reconsider your position against Mr Gregson. Particularly in the light of Israel's own admissions, it is unsustainable.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Humphries

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