NEW YORK SESSION of THE RUSSELL TRIBUNAL on PALESTINE

'US Complicity and UN failings in Dealing with Israel's Violations of International Law Towards the Palestinian People'

New York, 6 & 7 October 2012

Day One: Saturday, 6 October 2012

Jury Members: Alice Walker, Angela Davis, Cynthia McKinney, Mairead Maguire, Stephane Hessel, Ronnie Kasrils, John Dugard, Dennis Banks, Michael Mansfield QC, Judge Martin Pallin, Miguel Angel Estrella.

9.00 AM Doors Open
10.00 AM Introductory Remarks: Pierre Galand and Stephane Hessel

I. INTRODUCTION

10.30 AM Ilan Pappe: The Birth of Zionism and its Impact on the Palestinians: From Dispossession to Occupation
11.10 AM Break
11.30 AM Peter Hansen: United Nations’ Involvement in Palestine: From Mandate to Present
12.10 PM Ben White: Israeli policies Since 1948
12.40 PM Lunch
2:00 PM Huwaida Arraf: Israel's Violations of International Law
II. THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE OBSTRUCTION OF PALESTINIANS' RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION

2.30 PM John Quigley: The Establishment of a Palestinian State

3.00 PM Vera Gowlland-Debas: The United Nations: What is the legal responsibility of an Intergovernmental Organization? (Historical perspective)

3.30 PM Break

4.00PM Vera Gowlland-Debas: The United Nations: What is the legal responsibility of an Intergovernmental Organization? (Current)

4.30 PM Susan Akram: Palestinian Refugees and the United Nations

5.00 PM Raji Sourani: The Case of Gaza

5.30 PM: END OF DAY 1

Day Two: Sunday, 7 October 2012

9.00 AM Doors Open

III. THE ROLE OF THE US IN SUPPORTING VIOLATIONS OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

10.00 AM Diana Buttu: The US’s Role in Palestine & the Middle East

10.30 AM Katherine Gallagher: UN Vetoes and Military Aid

10.55 AM Break

11.25 AM Noam Chomsky: US-Israel-Palestinians: Retrospect and Prospect

12.00 PM David Wildman: Christian Zionism and the Israel Lobby

12.25 PM Lunch
IV. WAYS FORWARD

1.45 PM  Phyllis Bennis: *US Civil Society and International NGOs*

2.10 PM  Gianfranco Fattorini: *The Human Rights Council*

2.35 PM  Gus Massiah: *International Civil Society*

3.00 PM  Break

V. IS THERE A CASE FOR SOCIOCIDE?

3.20 PM  Johan Galtung: *What is Sociocide?*

4.00 PM  William Schabas: *From Vow to Law: How can Prohibition of Sociocide Become an International Norm?*

4.30 PM  Russell Means: *The Sociocide of the Native Americans*

5.00 PM  Saleh Hamayel: *A Palestinian Sociocide?*

5.30 PM  Final Remarks

END OF DAY 2

Day Three: Monday, 8 October 2012

10.30 AM  Press Conference: *Jury will Present Findings*