



Resolution 61: Calling for the Termination of Cornell University's Partnership with the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology While Preserving Cornell Tech

Abstract: This resolution calls on Cornell University to terminate its institutional partnership with the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology while maintaining Cornell Tech as an independent Cornell campus. It cites ethical and legal concerns regarding the Technion's involvement in military research and technologies linked to human rights violations, arguing that continued collaboration conflicts with Cornell's values and mission. The resolution further urges divestment from joint programs and the implementation of transparent ethical review processes for international partnerships.

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Whereas, Cornell University operates the Cornell Tech campus in New York City through an institutional partnership with the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology,

Whereas, members of the Cornell community have raised serious ethical concerns regarding the Technion's documented role as a major research and development institution for the Israeli military,

Whereas, the Technion institute has been implicated in the design and development of technologies used in separation walls and surveillance infrastructure that violate international law, including rulings by the International Court of Justice, which prohibit states and institutions from rendering aid or assistance in maintaining such structures,

Whereas, Cornell University funds joint military and defense-related research through the Jacobs–Technion Institute, raising concerns about Cornell's material involvement in military applications,



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29 **Whereas**, Israeli companies have publicly acknowledged testing weapons and military
30 technologies—developed in part through Technion research—on captive Palestinian populations,
31 explicitly marketing such technologies as “field-tested”,

32 **Whereas**, complicity in genocide, apartheid, or grave human rights violations by non-state
33 actors, including universities, is increasingly recognized as a violation of international law and
34 ethical responsibility,

35 **Whereas**, partnerships with institutions that contribute to the production of weapons, military
36 technologies, or infrastructure of apartheid are inconsistent with Cornell University’s stated
37 educational mission, ethical commitments, and core values,

38 **Whereas**, the continued operation of Cornell Tech as a Cornell University campus does not
39 require an ongoing partnership with the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology,

40 **Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Governance Assembly calls on Cornell University to
41 immediately terminate its institutional partnership with the Technion – Israel Institute of
42 Technology,

43 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Governance Assembly affirms its support for the
44 continued operation of Cornell Tech as a Cornell University campus, independent of the
45 Technion partnership,

46 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Governance Assembly calls on Cornell University to
47 implement transparent ethical review processes for all international partnerships, particularly
48 those involving military, surveillance, or dual-use technologies,

49 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Governance Assembly urges Cornell University to ensure
50 that its institutional relationships align with international law, human rights principles, and the
51 university’s educational mission.

52 Respectfully Submitted,

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