ICAHD's calls for the end of Israel’s demolition of Palestinian homes in the Occupied Palestine Territory (OPT) and within the state of Israel. When Israel was established, it systematically destroyed more than 530 entire villages, towns, and urban neighbourhoods, demolishing around 62,000 Palestinian homes. Since the beginning of the Occupation in 1967, Israel has demolished another 58,000 homes in the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza, in violation of the 4th Geneva Convention. Thousands more continue to be demolished inside Israel itself. All the demolitions illustrate Israel’s apartheid policies where it favours housing for one group over the others: Jews over Palestinians.

The demolition policy is at the heart of Israel’s attempt to transform an Arab country into a Jewish one by replacing the indigenous Palestinian population with a Jewish one which move in from other countries. This is ‘settler colonialism’.

ICAHD calls for one democratic state. It has joined with the Palestinian-led One Democratic State Campaign, where ICAHD has played a key role in forging the only programme of liberation, justice, inclusiveness, and equality possible: one that calls for a single democracy over historic Palestine/the Land of Israel, yet which acknowledges the presence of two national groups: Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews. Israel’s apartheid regime must be replaced with a constitutional democracy between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea, based on common citizenship and equal civil rights with constitutional guarantees. It calls for the Right of Return for Palestinian refugees and their descendants.

Resistance, activism and protest alone will not end Israel’s settler colonialism or restore to the Palestinians their national rights in their historic homeland. Only a clear political programme can do that.