

Israeli Sociological Society (registration no. 50016954)

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### Board Statement

As professionals who study human society in general and Israeli society in particular, we sociologists, regardless of our political or other affiliations, are committed to the promotion of humanist and democratic values, including the principles of equality regardless of religion, nationality or ethnicity and the right to peace such that all human rights are promoted. Seeing the challenge to such values by the political system and society at large, we call to reject any political plan that includes unilateral annexation of sections of the West Bank and the withdrawal of citizenship from Palestinian citizens of the State of Israel. We are deeply concerned by the legitimacy given to proposals that violate international law and the basic rights of Israeli citizens. Such proposals harm the professional work of members of the Israeli Sociological Society (ISS) in two ways: First, they directly harm members of the Society who are Palestinian citizens of Israel and, second, the explicit violation of international law will indubitably harm the international contracts of ISS members as they pertain to international research collaborations, publications, and appearances at international fora, all of which are essential to our profession.

We reiterate our stance that we regard all citizens of the State of Israel as equal and entitled to the same protections and benefits under the laws of the State, we denounce all threat of citizenship withdrawal of the Palestinian population of the State, and we support advancement of negotiations towards an inclusive peace that promotes equality for all citizens.