



## **Commission resolution condemns genocide, supports ethical practices**

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The Dayton City Commission has adopted an informal resolution condemning genocide and crimes against humanity, while calling for ethical business practices in accordance with humanitarian values as well as ongoing public education on related issues.

The resolution is inspired by the 25th anniversary of Dayton Peace Accords ending the 1990s Bosnian War and by current efforts to end the genocide of the Rohingya people of Myanmar.

"I am proud to bring this informal resolution denouncing genocide up for consideration," said Commissioner Matt Joseph. "As a welcoming city, Dayton has many residents who have survived genocides in Rwanda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and other places around the world. In their honor, and in memory of their loved ones, this resolution states that we not only denounce genocide, but will actively educate our residents about it, and work to ensure that companies with which we do business also commit to avoid complicity in genocide, crimes against humanity, and other mass atrocities. This imperative takes on a greater meaning for us, since this is the 25th year since the warring parties in Bosnia and Herzegovina came to agreement at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base here, ending that genocide."

The informal resolution recognizes the role of businesses, organizations, and governments in fighting genocide and crimes against humanity through procurement and investment policies and choices, including purchasing from corporations with global operations and supply chains.

Simon Billenness, executive director of International Campaign for the Rohingya, said the Commission action helps call attention to the organization's focus on atrocities imposed upon the Rohingya people by the government of Myanmar (Burma).

"We commend the Dayton City Commission for its adoption of the world's first municipal end genocide resolution," Billenness said. "We hope that the City of Dayton's principled action will cause corporations to reconsider doing business with the government and military of Burma (Myanmar). We also hope that this pressure will help end Myanmar's genocide of the Rohingya people and its mass atrocities against other ethnic minorities in Burma."

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### **ABOUT INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE ROHINGYA**

The International Campaign for the Rohingya advocates and amplifies the voice of the Rohingya with international organizations, governments, corporations, and civil society. Its

mission is to help the Rohingya secure peace, security, and their rights wherever they reside. As a member of the “No Business With Genocide” campaign, International Campaign for the Rohingya presses corporations to speak out to end the genocide of the Rohingya in Burma (Myanmar). More: <http://www.rohingyacampaign.org/>.

### **ABOUT NO BUSINESS WITH GENOCIDE**

The No Business With Genocide is a coalition-led campaign designed to build the movement to end genocide permanently worldwide. The No Business With Genocide campaign is built around the simple proposition that corporations should refrain or withdraw from doing business with regimes that engage in genocide and/or crimes against humanity. The campaign is part of the movement to end genocide and crimes against humanity by building a grassroots global constituency willing and able to put effective and timely political and economic pressure on governments that engage in or consider committing genocide and/or mass atrocities. More: <https://actionnetwork.org/groups/no-business-with-genocide>.

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