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NGO Monitor was founded in 2002 – in the wake of the UN “World Conference Against Racism” in Durban, South Africa. The 1,500 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that participated in the NGO Forum adopted a “Final Declaration” that revived the notorious 1975 UN “Zionism is racism” resolution. In the Durban declaration, the NGOs described Israel as an “apartheid” state, guilty of “war crimes,” “genocide,” and “ethnic cleansing.” The document called for the international community to impose a complete and total isolation of Israel through boycotts, exploitation of legal frameworks, and other such measures.

NGO Monitor research has demonstrated that, in many instances, funding designated to enhance “human rights,” “humanitarian aid,” and other worthy causes has instead been abused. Instead of promoting peace, many NGOs closely associated with the Palestinian cause use this funding to advance a narrative that supports continued conflict and incitement.

This misuse, even distortion, of universal ethical principles for narrow ideological objectives demonstrated the need for an independent mechanism to assess, scrutinize, and report on the activities of NGOs. NGO Monitor was formed to fulfill this objective, providing actionable analyses that shed light on and stop funding to the NGOs active in BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions), lawfare, and other delegitimization campaigns against Israel.

NGO Monitor is now the respected go-to source of information for government officials, diplomats, journalists, and professionals in the field, providing expertise on key issues relating to the role of NGOs in the Arab-Israeli conflict. NGO Monitor is also responsible for cuts in the many millions of dollars of funding by governments to politicized and often radical NGOs, improving transparency among NGOs and their funders, combating political warfare against Israel, and presenting a credible and effective counterbalance to anti-Israel voices at the UN.

NGO Monitor will continue to be at the forefront of the fight against delegitimization, demonization, and BDS against Israel; to challenge destructive funding to NGOs; and to expand and strengthen relationships with policy shapers and decision makers around the world.
MILESTONES

2002
- Founded by Prof. Gerald Steinberg following the infamous 2001 Durban Conference.

2003
- Launches website, enabling the public to access information on NGOs and their funding.
- First meetings with European MPs and diplomats discussing NGO funding.

2004
- Congressional intervention, utilizing NGO Monitor research, results in new funding guidelines from the Ford Foundation.
- Challenges, for the first time and in real-time, false and unverified NGO reporting during an armed conflict (Lebanon).

2006
- Registers as an independent Israeli nonprofit.

2007
- Introduces the term “lawfare” into the discourse on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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2010
- Participates in exclusive NGO meeting at the International Criminal Court.

2011
- Citing NGO Monitor research, Knesset passes NGO Foreign Funding Transparency Law.

2012
- Awarded the prestigious Begin Prize in recognition of its "strong stance in the defense of Israel and the Jewish people."
- Receives UN ECOSOC accreditation, providing access to various UN bodies.

2013
- The Atlantic magazine reveals censorship of NGO Monitor by the Associated Press.
- Uncovers antisemitism from contributors to anti-Israel material in The Lancet, forcing public apology and end to campaign.

2014
- Publishes Filling in the Blanks, challenging the UN's skewed report on the 2014 Gaza war.
- Hosts major events in the Knesset and the UN marking 15 years since the Durban Conference.
- Exposes extensive NGO ties to terror organizations.
- The Swiss Parliament directs the government to "amend the laws, ordinances and regulations" to prevent funding to NGOs "involved in racist, antisemitic or hate incitement actions."

2015

2016

2017
When I launched NGO Monitor 15 years ago, in the shadow of the virulently antisemitic UN Durban Conference, the political warfare campaign against Israel by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) was largely unknown. Issues such as boycotts and the exploitation of courts and legal concepts, which would later resonate under the names “BDS” and “lawfare,” did not get much attention. No one spoke of strategic responses to these threats, to understate the case. The Israeli government was unprepared to confront the challenge of NGO led delegitimization, and the Jewish world had not yet understood BDS warfare.

Europeans believed that NGO funding should remain a tightly guarded state secret, regardless if these funds resulted in fueling and enabling NGO campaigns. I remember meeting diplomats who were shocked and furious that we had obtained protocols proving their goal of manipulating democratic processes in Israel via this NGO funding.

Due to NGO Monitor’s success and persistence throughout the years, things have changed.

NGOs and NGO funding for delegitimization are now high on the Israeli government’s agenda. Terms such as BDS and “lawfare,” which were first systematically analyzed and introduced by NGO Monitor, are now widely understood. Dozens of partner organizations, focusing on media, the UN, academia, and other battlefronts have emerged to confront such anti-Israel campaigns.

Perhaps most importantly, NGO Monitor has largely stripped away the “halo effect” from self-declared champions of human rights. There is increasing understanding of the need to carefully scrutinize the factual and legal claims of NGOs.

However, there is still much work to be done. European officials would prefer to conduct their funding for political NGOs behind closed doors. Taxpayers, as well as the Israelis and Palestinians affected by their policies, are prevented from accessing even the most basic information about funding processes and decision making.

However, NGO Monitor, through detailed research, intensive outreach, and assistance from partners and allies, has achieved major breakthroughs in bringing transparency to NGO funding and curbing government funding to NGOs that lead campaigns of BDS, demonization, and antisemitism. In the EU, Switzerland, Denmark, the Netherlands, UK, Canada, Germany, Spain, and the US, governments have cut, reassigned, and conditioned funding to NGOs - all in response to interventions by NGO Monitor.

We have also grown organizationally, having started off as a tiny, committed group – initially just me and a web designer working out of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. Slowly we added more people, exceeding the confines of the basement of the JCPA and later needing to move again.
I have followed NGO Monitor’s work since its founding 15 years ago and have been a proud member of the organization’s International Advisory Board for many years. NGO Monitor is the leading organization devoted to addressing and correcting the deliberate falsehoods promoted by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and their donors, which have become routine in international efforts to delegitimize Israel.

NGO Monitor is at the forefront of tracking and exposing this bigoted strategy. In determining the sources of funding to politicized NGOs - the organizations we see promoting BDS and other delegitimization campaigns around the world - NGO Monitor works to increase transparency and accountability of donors, focusing on the hundreds of millions of dollars coming from foreign governments. Throughout the past 15 years, NGO Monitor has exposed such funding, some of which has undeniable ties to terrorism, and thus motivated many of these government funders to limit and ultimately cut off their support.

I am deeply impressed with the quality of NGO Monitor’s extensive fact-based research on the NGOs that attack Israel in the international media, at the United Nations, and on university campuses. I am continually inspired by NGO Monitor’s expanding scope of success, resulting in the passing of legislation to improve and make more transparent the funding process in the US, Canada, and Europe, and in funding cuts to some of the most heinous organizations.

On a personal note, NGO Monitor helps me greatly in my research and advocacy for the fair treatment of Israel. The organization is relentless in its defense of Israel against misrepresentations and falsehoods. I am confident that NGO Monitor’s work will result in further impact and will continue to undercut anti-Israel campaigns around the world.

Sincerely,

Alan Dershowitz
Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law, Emeritus

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We are now an independent non-profit organization, with over 20 highly committed individuals. Even with a team of such talented individuals, this growth would never have been possible without the generosity of our donors, the commitment of our board members, and the numerous others who cared for and nurtured us from the beginning.

Harry Wechsler played a central role as the founding donor of NGO Monitor. Harry’s dedication and mentorship was essential in those early years, and his continued interest and wise insights were a central reason why NGO Monitor has succeeded over the past 15 years.

In this book, you will find highlights of 15 years of NGO Monitor activity and impact. These successes are direct results of the hard work and commitment of several generations of NGO Monitor staff and leadership.

Thank you for your ongoing involvement and engagement with our work.

Prof. Gerald Steinberg
Founder and President
WATCHING THE WATCHERS
Due to the “halo” surrounding them, NGOs claiming to represent human rights are routinely accepted as credible without independent verification, and their legal and factual allegations are taken at face value. Major NGOs, such as Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, routinely exploit this standing to advance politicized agendas.

NGO Monitor was established to “watch the watchers” – to track the funding and activities of NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Our investigations of NGOs and their anti-Israel activities - often under the guise of human rights - have placed these issues on the radar of journalists, government officials, and academics. As the first to recognize that boycotts and lawfare against Israel would be a direct outcome of the 2001 Durban Conference, NGO Monitor pioneered the fight against BDS and demonization.

**TAKING ON NGO SUPERPOWERS**

NGO Monitor has stood up to some of the world’s most heavily funded, yet morally bankrupt, organizations.

With budgets rivaling multinational corporations, powerful groups such as Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, and others disproportionately focus resources on condemning Israel. Until NGO Monitor, these NGO superpowers went unchecked.

Since its founding, NGO Monitor has been meticulously and systematically analyzing the activities, biases, publications, and funding of these organizations. By “naming and shaming” them and speaking truth to NGO power, we expose scandals and double standards, and have severely diminished their credibility and influence.
EXPOSING NGO TERROR TIES

NGO Monitor has discovered ties between NGOs and terrorist organizations, and has revealed that these organizations receive significant amounts of European funding. Through our research NGO Monitor has exposed these ties to parliamentarians and decision makers across Europe, leading to dramatic funding cuts to these NGOs. Our research has further sparked debate on these ties and on the issue of aid appropriation by terror groups in places of armed conflict. These little known NGO-terror connections are now hotly debated in parliaments, by journalists, and among the general public.

For instance, in 2010, Ameer Makhoul, director of the NGO Ittijah, was arrested for allegedly spying for Hezbollah during the 2006 Lebanon war. NGO Monitor showed how major NGOs came to his defense despite his confession and conviction. In particular, we exposed Amnesty International's defense of Makhoul's terror links, sparking widespread debate and once again revealing Amnesty's anti-Israel bias.

NGO links to terror groups again made headlines in August 2016, when the Israeli Security Agency (Shin Bet) arrested Mohammad El-Halabi, the manager of Gaza operations for World Vision, for allegedly diverting approximately 60% of World Vision’s Gaza budget, approximately $50 million, to Hamas to build terror tunnels and fund other terrorist activity. NGO Monitor played an integral role in informing the media, members of parliaments, and decision makers of World Vision’s lack of transparency and accountability in areas of armed conflict, as well as its confusing financial documents. Our research was featured in a series of five articles in The Australian, and we also held a joint press briefing on this matter with Member of Australian Parliament Michael Danby at the Jerusalem Press Club.

NGO Monitor continues to conduct systematic studies of this growing phenomenon. In 2016, NGO Monitor released a groundbreaking report on NGO ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) - the terrorist organization responsible for the Entebbe hijacking, suicide bombings, and assassinations. Our research found that many European countries fund a number of organizations, some of which are directly affiliated with the PFLP, and others with a substantial presence of employees and officials linked to the PFLP. This research was presented in parliaments and to high level officials leading to Parliamentary Questions on government funding for these NGOs.

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH (HRW)

For 15 years, NGO Monitor has worked to expose HRW’s anti-Israel campaigns, anti-Jewish antagonism, and apologetics for dictators. Senior officials, such as Executive Director Ken Roth and Middle East Director Sarah Leah Whitson, have led the way with obsessive tweeting, double standards, and race-baiting. We have also highlighted the issue of HRW’s Senior Military Expert Marc Garlasco, who was responsible for numerous publications on Israel, being an avid collector of Nazi memorabilia.

Our direct efforts challenging HRW’s determined anti-Israel stance resulted in HRW founder Robert Bernstein denouncing his own organization for its fanatical anti-Israel orientation in an op-ed published in The New York Times in October 2009. These endeavors also led to significant drops in donations to HRW, necessitating a bailout by billionaire George Soros.

One of the worst examples of HRW bias was in 2009, when NGO Monitor revealed details of a fundraising trip to Saudi Arabia by top HRW officials. Their anti-Israel commitments and opposition to “pro-Israel pressure groups” were touted as major selling points. Our exposure of this event, including our cooperation with journalists and bloggers, caused long-lasting damage to HRW’s credibility.
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Similar to our work on HRW, NGO Monitor closely follows Amnesty International’s activity as it relates to the Arab-Israeli conflict. We have analyzed Amnesty’s reporting on armed conflict and highlighted the organization’s lack of military and legal expertise. Our report “Second Class Rights” details Amnesty’s minimal efforts in advocating for women’s rights in the Middle East and its disproportionate focus on Israel. NGO Monitor also shed light on Amnesty’s alleged partnership with an enthusiastic Taliban supporter and has exposed expressions of antisemitism by Amnesty staffers in social media posts, reports, and press releases.

Our latest work on Amnesty includes a detailed critique to an “external and independent evaluation” of Amnesty’s campaigns on Gaza, and a formal complaint submitted to the UK Charity Commission documenting antisemitism at Amnesty.

DU RBAN II

NGO Monitor led efforts to avoid a repetition of the 2001 Durban Conference at the follow-up April 2009 Review Conference (“Durban II”) in Geneva. Professor Steinberg addressed the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and, following his visit, a House resolution reproving the Durban Review Conference was passed. In addition, NGO Monitor’s widely distributed 60-page “Durban II Resource Guide” provided delegates, journalists, diplomats, and activists with critical data on the 2001 NGO Forum and the build-up to Durban II.

In contrast to Durban I, the 2009 “civil society forum” in Geneva lacked official UN support and attracted very little public attention. NGO Monitor’s delegation to Geneva monitored and documented NGO activity and took part in public events outside the UN headquarters.

ANTISEMITISM

NGO Monitor has revealed that many NGOs with human rights and humanitarian agendas use antisemitic themes and imagery to demonize the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

We have “named and shamed” NGO antisemitism, resulting in investigations into the organizations and significant funding cuts.

OXFAM’S “BLOOD ORANGE”

Targeting one of Israel’s most famous products, Oxfam-Belgium produced a poster in 2002, featuring an “Israeli orange” dripping with blood, to promote anti-Israel boycotts. The caption reads, “Israeli fruits have a bitter taste...reject the occupation of Palestine, don’t buy Israeli fruits and vegetables.” Oxfam withdrew the campaign following wide protest initiated by NGO Monitor over the poster’s blood libel overtones.

CHRISTIAN AID’S EXPLOITATION OF CHRISTMAS

In 2004, Christian Aid published a “Christmas appeal” headlined “Children of Bethlehem,” which presented the story of a seven-year-old girl from Bethlehem who was allegedly “hit in the eye by shrapnel from a bullet fired by Israeli soldiers.” Following NGO Monitor’s exposure, Christian Aid was criticized by Christian and Jewish leaders for exploiting the holiday for anti-Israel advocacy.
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**NGO MONITOR**

Badil’s antisemitic cartoon

Brought to light by NGO Monitor, an “award-winning” caricature in BADIL’s 2009-2010 Annual Al Awda Award contest featured a number of classic antisemitic tropes. Our interventions with donors led to major policy changes, including funding cuts and a management overhaul.

Miftah’s Passover Blood Libel

In 2013, Miftah published an article repeating the medieval antisemitic blood libel: “Does Obama in fact know the relationship, for example, between ‘Passover’ and ‘Christian blood’...? Or ‘Passover’ and ‘Jewish blood rituals’...? Much of the historical stories and tales about Jewish blood rituals in Europe are based on real rituals and are not false as they claim; the Jews used the blood of Christians in the Jewish Passover.”

In response to pressure from NGO Monitor, Miftah removed the article from its website, and donors withdrew funding.

**THE LANCET AND NEO-NAZIS**

A one-sided and slanderous “Open Letter for the People in Gaza” was published in The Lancet medical journal in the midst of the 2014 Gaza war. The letter spuriously called Israel’s response to Hamas rockets “the creation of an emergency to masquerade a massacre” and a “ruthless assault.” NGO Monitor research into the main authors, who all have close ties to various NGOs, revealed their promotion of an antisemitic video by David Duke, former “Imperial Wizard” of the Ku Klux Klan, titled “CNN, Goldman Sacks, and the Zio Matrix.”

Following intense public and behind-the-scenes pressure applied by NGO Monitor and our allies, The Lancet’s editor Richard Horton visited Israel. Horton expressed his “deep, deep regret” for the “completely unnecessary polarization” the letter caused and condemned the antisemitic video promoted by the authors of the letter.

**The Lancet and Neo-Nazis**

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FUNDING CUTS
Governments and foundations around the world provide millions of dollars annually to NGOs that claim to promote human rights but support BDS, lawfare, and often antisemitism. NGO Monitor plays an active role in exposing this anti-Israel bias, leading to the reduction or complete elimination of funding to these NGOs.

**EUROPE CUTS OVER €20 MILLION**

European governments have provided at least $120 million annually to politicized Palestinian, Israeli, and international NGOs that utilize these funds for anti-Israel campaigns under a façade of promoting human rights, peace, and capacity building. Over the past 15 years, NGO Monitor’s efforts have led to funding cuts, policy changes, and investigations that have prevented over €20 million from reaching the hands of radical anti-Israel NGOs.

In June 2017, the Swiss Parliament passed a resolution directing the government to “amend the laws, ordinances and regulations” to prevent funding to NGOs “involved in racist, antisemitic or hate incitement actions.” This is the first time a European country has passed legislation to end funding for NGOs that are vehicles for incitement and hate speech and that specifically includes antisemitism. The Swiss Parliament’s vote to stop funding organizations that promote anti-Israel campaigns is a direct result of NGO Monitor’s detailed research and meetings with Swiss MPs, journalists, and officials.

**EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS RECONSIDER FUNDING TO THE SECRETARIAT**

The Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Secretariat (Secretariat) is a joint funding mechanism between Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, and the Netherlands. Since 2007, when NGO Monitor first exposed the lack of oversight of this funding mechanism, we have been involved in tracking its funding and alerting parliamentarians and diplomats about the damaging NGOs that receive support. This has led governments to reconsider their funding to the Secretariat, prevented other countries from joining, and even resulted in changes in the Secretariat’s management.

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NEW POLICIES AT THE EU’S PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE

NGO Monitor initiated change in the European Union funding framework Partnership for Peace (PfP), which disburses millions of euros to NGOs every year. Our researchers identified a stark contrast between the declared objectives of the European Commission – promoting democracy, a “two-state” framework, and human rights – and the radical anti-Israel and anti-peace activities of its NGO grantees.

NGO Monitor demonstrated that PfP-funded NGOs led BDS campaigns, facilitated violent protests, and expressed solidarity with terrorist organizations. Following our intervention, the EU instituted important changes in the calls for proposals that set the guidelines, goals, and objectives for potential NGO grantees. Anti-peace NGOs are, therefore, no longer eligible for the millions provided through this EU funding framework, nor are “actions that are related to boycott activities.”

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CUTS FUNDING

NGO Monitor’s interventions with the Canadian government have led to a number of changes in funding to NGOs. For example, the funding mechanism “Rights and Democracy” rescinded $30,000 CAD in grants to notoriously anti-Israel NGOs, namely Al Mezan, Al-Haq, and B’Tselem. In addition, NGO Monitor’s efforts led to all Canadian funding being cut to programs involved in BDS campaigns against Israel.

NGO Monitor also triggered inquiries at another Canadian funding mechanism, the “International Development Research Center (IDRC),” about an NGO grantee that had created a poster depicting an IDF soldier inappropriately touching a Palestinian woman. As a result, the IDRC rescinded its funding for the NGO and provided no further grants to any organizations operating in Israel.

In 2009, NGO Monitor made a submission to the Canadian government’s “Report of the Inquiry Panel” by the Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Antisemitism.

FORD FOUNDATION EXITS THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

In 2001, the Ford Foundation facilitated NGO participation in the Durban Conference. In addition, Ford had been funding NGOs that claimed to engage in “apolitical” human rights activity, but were in fact supporting a radical anti-Israel political agenda.

NGO Monitor harshly criticized the Ford Foundation, and Prof. Steinberg met with Members of Congress regarding the issue. Subsequent Congressional intervention led to Ford’s creation of new funding guidelines, which prohibited funding to NGOs that “promote or engage in violence, terrorism, bigotry, or the destruction of any state, nor will it make sub-grants to any entity that engages in these activities.” Simultaneously, the Ford Foundation attempted to “improve” its funding to Israeli NGOs by partnering with the New Israel Fund (NIF). However, this funding was also marked by extreme politicization and demonization of Israel. NGO Monitor repeatedly raised concerns with both the Ford Foundation and NIF leadership, and in 2013 the Ford Foundation elected to terminate its partnership with the NIF and cease all funding to NGOs in the region.
NEW ISRAEL FUND CEASES FUNDING TO BDS LEADER

The New Israel Fund (NIF) is a political organization with offices in the US, UK, and Canada, that has allocated more than $300 million to over 900 NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict. For years, NGO Monitor stressed the need for the NIF to institute funding guidelines. Finally, in 2010, the organization published guidelines on its website stating groups that violate its core principles, including through support for BDS and denying Israel’s right to exist, “will not be eligible for funding.”

NGO Monitor’s exposure of NGOs funded by the NIF that did not adhere to the latter’s established guidelines resulted in funding cuts. For example, after NGO Monitor revealed the Coalition of Women for Peace’s (CWP) leadership in global BDS campaigns, Mada al-Carmel’s antisemitism, and Al-Qaws radical anti-Israel policy, the NIF ceased funding to these organizations.

PALESTINIAN AGRICULTURAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

NGO Monitor research found that Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee (PARC) - an NGO involved in BDS campaigns against Israeli exporters - was heavily funded by the Dutch government, specifically to encourage cooperation between PARC and those same Israeli companies. We informed Dutch parliamentarians and decision makers about the NGO’s anti-Israel activities, and in 2013, the Dutch government cut its support, which had been €37 million over 6 years, for the organization.

ISRAELI COMMITTEE AGAINST HOUSE DEMOLITIONS CLOSES

The Israeli Committee against House Demolitions (ICAHD), one of the most radical anti-Israel NGOs, lost its funding and collapsed financially in 2012. ICAHD’s director directly blamed NGO Monitor for his organization’s financial struggles.

In 2015, the Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits ordered ICAHD to dismantle for failure to report donations from foreign political entities, failure to file annual reports, lack of response to requests made by the Registrar, illegal use of the name of the organization, and the lack of reporting names of board members.

ALTERNATIVE INFORMATION CENTER’S FINANCIAL AND REGULATORY TROUBLES

In 2012, the Alternative Information Center (AIC) closed its Jerusalem offices. In a letter to its supporters, it credited NGO Monitor’s central role in revealing its radical anti-Israel agenda and the resulting cut in funds and inability to pay salaries.

In 2016, the Israeli Registrar for Non Profits forced the AIC to file for dissolution because “the association is working illegally and does not submit documents in accordance with Article 38 of the law.”
BRINGING NGO FUNDING TO THE DISCOURSE
NGO Monitor was the first to recognize the role of politicized NGOs in the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the massive amounts of funding from governments and foundations that enables these groups. Our systematic research and detailed reports have brought this issue to the forefront of the public debate in Israel, the US, Canada, Australia, and across Europe.

Due to NGO Monitor’s work, government officials, parliamentarians, journalists, and other influencers have raised the issue of NGO funding at the highest levels. Beyond the debate, these efforts have contributed to legislation that has increased transparency and accountability, led to investigations into improper funding, and resulted in media exposés featuring our detailed research.

INFORMING THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT

NGO Monitor provides information for Israeli government offices, bodies, institutions, and politicians from across the political spectrum. We work with the leadership of Israel and various government offices, including the Prime Minister’s Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Strategic Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Defense, and Israeli embassies and consulates around the globe. These positive interactions, which have expanded significantly since 2002, have added to NGO Monitor’s credibility and helped advance its mission.

NGO Monitor’s discussions with MKs and presentations in the Knesset have directly resulted in the Israeli government passing legislation and engaging in diplomatic efforts regarding foreign funding to anti-Israel NGOs. For example, NGO Monitor played a critical role in the 2011 NGO Funding Transparency Law, which requires NGOs to disclose, on a quarterly basis, donations from foreign governments. NGO Monitor utilizes this data in our NGO funding database – an interactive online resource that makes available to the public information on foreign grants to Israeli NGOs.

Prime Minister Netanyahu’s 2017 meetings with the prime ministers of the United Kingdom and Belgium further exemplify how NGO Monitor is ensuring that foreign government funding is discussed at the highest levels. PM Netanyahu raised the issue of government funding to politicized NGOs active in BDS and lawfare in his meetings with British PM Theresa May and Belgian PM Charles Michel, demanding that they “stop funding organizations that act against IDF soldiers and the State of Israel, including transferring funds indirectly.”

ENGAGING EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS

NGO Monitor regularly meets with European diplomats, officials, and parliamentarians. Our representatives have spoken in parliamentary committee hearings in Belgium, Denmark, the European Union, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. These meetings and expanded relationships have resulted in European governments reevaluating their funding and redirecting it away from anti-Israel NGOs.

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WORKING WITH US AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS

In the years following the Durban Conference, NGO Monitor informed the American and Canadian governments about government funded anti-Israel NGOs and their

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unprecedented power. NGO Monitor has since worked together with both governments to expose these NGOs and generate funding cuts. Beginning in 2007, Canada ceased funding for a number of radical NGOs as a direct result of NGO Monitor’s research. In addition, NGO Monitor has submitted reports to the Canadian Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Antisemitism (CPCCA), which also led to greater scrutiny in Canadian funding.

NGO Monitor also informed both the US and Canada about the extreme anti-Israel bias to be expected at the 2009 Durban II Conference, and both governments did not attend the conference. In 2015, our research was again used as a significant resource when SodaStream CEO Daniel Birnbaum cited our research at a Congressional hearing on BDS. NGO Monitor continues to hold regular briefings for Congressional delegations to Israel. Our meetings and briefings have created a strong dialogue with the US Embassy and USAID and have also led to increased transparency.

**OBTAINING ECOSOC STATUS**

NGO Monitor’s parent body, the Institute for NGO Research, was granted United Nations Special Consultative status by ECOSOC (UN Economic and Social Council) in July 2013. This accreditation allows us to actively engage at the UN, through attending and speaking with UN sessions and meetings, and filing submissions to the Geneva-based Human Rights Council, among other UN bodies.

**JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA CITE NGO MONITOR**

NGO Monitor has become the go-to source for information on NGOs for journalists covering the Arab-Israeli conflict. Our research has been featured in *The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Reuters, Associated Press, Washington Post*, as well as Israel’s leading news outlets, *Israel Hayom, The Jerusalem Post, Yediot Achronot*, and *Haaretz*. As the leading experts on NGO funding, NGO Monitor researchers have appeared on CNN, BBC, ABC, MSNBC, and Al Jazeera and have gone head-to-head with the Director of Amnesty International in a debate on BBC.

In addition to newspapers and TV interviews, NGO Monitor leads the debate on NGO transparency and accountability on Facebook and Twitter.

NGO Monitor research is also regularly published in academic journals including the *European Journal for International Affairs, Institute for National Security Studies, American Journal of International Law, Northwestern Law Review, Middle East Quarterly, and Israel Law Review*.

**WEBSITE AND RESEARCH DATABASE**

From the beginning, one of NGO Monitor’s most important public services has been compiling our research into easily accessible and comprehensible online resources. These resources have significantly improved over the years, and today our website features a database of information on more than 250 NGOs, their activities, and their funder-enablers.

In February 2017, NGO Monitor launched its interactive database that allows easy access and analysis of NIS 235 million of foreign government funding from 2012-2016 to Israeli NGOs that are active in the Arab-Israeli conflict. The funding database allows users to specify their own data set and create customized graphs and charts based on those selections. Users can filter by category (NGO, year, foreign funder, etc.), and determine the format for displaying the information (bar, line, or pie chart).

In addition to NGO Monitor’s online materials, we also distribute our research in printed publications, such as books, monographs, and reports. These documents are provided to high level officials and decision makers around the world, and are regularly quoted in the media.
COMBATING BDS
BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) campaigns are political warfare tactics used by NGOs to isolate Israel internationally. NGO Monitor research has led to a greater awareness of the discriminatory nature of BDS, the organizations behind the campaigns, and the governments and private organizations that fund and enable them.

Our engagement with diplomats and government officials from around the world has led to funding cuts to numerous NGOs, effectively cutting off the lifelines of BDS organizations.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Following the 2009 Gaza war, NGO Monitor identified that the next BDS campaign would be centered around hijacking Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. CSR advocates for companies to not invest in things such as cigarette manufacturers and/or fossil fuels, and instead invest in more equal and “greener” businesses. Indeed, NGO Monitor research has shown that anti-Israel organizations have latched onto this concept in an effort to have corporations divest from any companies doing business with Israel. This exploitation of CSR is strongest in Europe, and NGO Monitor has mapped the relationship of NGOs, ethical investment companies, and governmental agencies working to backdoor a BDS agenda. We have intervened with the funders, ethical investment companies, the UN, grassroots organizations, and Israeli and European governments, highlighting these issues and helping to prevent divestment.

For example, NGO Monitor was the only group countering BDS at the United Nations Business and Human Rights Working Group. Our submission to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, which disrupted the NGO narrative on business and human rights, prevented NGOs from exploiting this framework for BDS.

BDS IN THE PEWS

NGO Monitor was the first to recognize the NGO strategy to exploit church funding in support of BDS. Our research found that European governments distribute grants to both Catholic and Protestant humanitarian aid organizations and these funds are then transferred to highly politicized NGOs. NGO Monitor’s research further discovered that Church groups were the main funders of some of the most antisemitic and anti-Israel NGOs. Over the years we have exposed the anti-Israel Church-funded NGOs such as Kairos Palestine, Christ at the Checkpoint, and Sabeel, which have all published antisemitic sentiments, such as disparaging Judaism as “tribal,” “primitive,” and “exclusionary.”

Our efforts have countered political campaigns initiated by Church groups against Israel through issue specific reports, publications, high level meetings with the Vatican, and presentations at symposiums. Our research and outreach also resulted in delaying the Methodist Church vote on BDS in Britain in 2015.

EXPOSING ANTI-ISRAEL CAMPUS GROUPS

NGO Monitor serves as a resource to students on campuses around the world, aiding them in understanding the complex web of funding received by NGOs conducting anti-Israel campus activity. We further aid students by providing them with factual responses to anti-Israel claims of “apartheid,” “war crimes,” and water theft - which are common themes and campaigns students face, often without the legal backgrounds to know how to respond factually and accurately.

In addition, we also found that while the anti-Israel campus groups Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) and Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) claim to be grassroots organizations, they are supported by vast and lucrative funding networks. These organizations are, furthermore, supported by legal and other sorts of strategic partner organizations that enable their advocacy efforts. Having completed this initial research, NGO Monitor is now working on campaigns to “name and shame” the funders, such as the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, as we have done with other major donors before (namely, the Ford Foundation and the NIF).
LAWFARE
NGO Monitor was the first to identify and define “lawfare” – using legal methods to achieve military goals – in the Arab-Israeli conflict. This term is now widely used as part of the discourse surrounding the conflict.

NGO Monitor demonstrated that lawfare was developed at the Durban Conference, when leading self-acclaimed human rights organizations devised a strategy of falsely accusing Israel of committing war crimes, and exploiting international legal frameworks. For 15 years, NGO Monitor has been the leading force combating lawfare against Israel at the United Nations, International Criminal Court, and diplomatic and academic venues.

SECOND LEBANON WAR

NGO Monitor led the charge against lawfare during the 2006 Lebanon war. While Hezbollah was indiscriminately firing rockets at Israeli civilians, NGOs focused solely on the response of the IDF. Biased NGOs, such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, published reports condemning Israeli military actions and making false allegations of Israeli “war crimes” and “violations of international law.”

In 2009, Prof. Steinberg and NGO Monitor board member Prof. Avi Bell received a grant from the Israel Science Association to conduct extensive research on these allegations, exposing Amnesty International’s and Human Rights Watch’s substantial factual and legal errors.

In 2008, NGO Monitor published its groundbreaking monograph “NGO ‘Lawfare’: the Exploitation of Courts in the Arab-Israeli conflict.” This publication details NGOs’ abuse of European and US courts for political lawfare against Israel, and is the only research that systematically analyzes this damaging phenomenon. The monograph was coupled with an influential op-ed in The Wall Street Journal.

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One of NGO Monitor’s most prominent publications, Best Practices for Human Rights and Humanitarian NGO Fact-Finding, introduced the first critical analysis of NGO fact finding. This research proposed standards for international fact-finding missions and spawned debate about methodologies and NGO accountability.

Best Practices was released in May 2012 by the renowned legal publisher Martinus Nijhoff.
The first 15 years of NGO Monitor

NGO Monitor was founded in 2004 to serve as a critical counterpoint to the biased narratives and false allegations disseminated by pro-Palestinian NGOs and the United Nations. "The Goldstone report: reconsidered" is a book by NGO Monitor that exposes the false allegations and biases in the report. This process played a key role in Judge Goldstone’s reconsideration and eventual self-retracting (in an April 2011 op-ed in the Washington Post) of the UN Human Rights Council’s report published in September 2009.

COMBINING THE SCHABAS-DAVIS REPORT

NGO Monitor also played a critical role in combating the UNHRC’s Schabas-Davis Commission of Inquiry’s (COI) report on the 2014 Gaza war, most notably with the publication of the book, Filling in the Blanks: Documenting Missing Dimensions in UN and NGO Investigations of the Gaza Conflict, which provided an alternate narrative to the COI’s Report.

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THE GOLDSTONE REPORT RECONSIDERED

A clear example of lawfare was Judge Goldstone’s biased UN report on the 2009 Gaza war, which was used to justify a widespread campaign to demonize Israel with false accusations of “war crimes.” From the time the commission was created, NGO Monitor campaigned against this biased appointment, forcing Goldstone to resign from his role at Human Rights Watch due to an obvious conflict of interest. NGO Monitor exposed that the report relied heavily on Amnesty International, and upon publication demonstrated how it was almost entirely copied from Amnesty’s unsubstantiated NGO claims. NGO Monitor also published The Goldstone Report Reconsidered, a book detailing the false allegations and biases in the report. This process played a key role in Judge Goldstone’s reconsideration and eventual self-retracting (in an April 2011 op-ed in the Washington Post) of the UN Human Rights Council’s report published in September 2009.

The book provides context on issues that were ignored in the past and again overlooked in this latest UN pseudo-investigation, but are critical to understanding and analyzing the war. These issues include the production and importation of rockets and missiles to terrorist organizations based in Gaza, the financing of Hamas in violation of international law, evidence regarding the abuse of humanitarian aid provided by different sources to Gaza and Hamas, and the credibility of reports and allegations from NGOs regarding the conflict.

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Prof. Steinberg met Dr. Harry Wechsler in 2002, where they discussed a small project that began in cooperation with Ambassador Dore Gold at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs. Prof. Steinberg explained the importance of his initial project, exploring the damaging role played by powerful NGOs (non-governmental organizations) that exploited the language of human rights to demonize Israel, which developed out of the notorious UN Durban NGO Forum that took place a few months prior. Dr. Wechsler immediately understood the problem at hand, and the need to take action.

Dr. Wechsler and the Wechsler Family Foundation became the co-founders of NGO Monitor, providing the first substantial donation to set up a website and hire the first researchers and assistants.

From then on, Dr. Wechsler was actively involved in helping NGO Monitor shape its strategy, and his involvement was crucial in sharpening NGO Monitor’s product and impact.

As our partner, Dr. Wechsler took great pride in NGO Monitor’s growing accomplishments and was continuously impressed with the organization’s ability to stay focused on its mission while expanding our global impact.

NGO Monitor remains a joint project of the Wechsler Family Foundation and we will always be indebted to our founding donor and his family.
Prof. Gerald Steinberg, President and Founder of NGO Monitor, is a professor of political science at Bar Ilan University and provides direction and strategy for NGO Monitor. In 2016, he published a number of academic articles, as well as op-eds and letters to the editor in The Wall Street Journal, The Huffington Post, Times of Israel, The Jerusalem Post, and many other newspapers. Prof. Steinberg has been interviewed on numerous television, radio, and print media outlets on NGO and human rights related issues. He has also spoke at a variety of high-level government sessions and academic conferences worldwide. Prof. Steinberg is co-author of Best Practices for Human Rights and Humanitarian NGO Fact-Finding.

Dov Yarden, CEO, has been at NGO Monitor since March 2008 and oversees the management and day-to-day operations of the organization. He is also responsible for financial planning, personnel, and donor relations as well as aiding Prof. Steinberg in providing direction to the organization. Prior to joining NGO Monitor, Dov was a hitech entrepreneur and was one of the founders of Unicorn Solutions, where he managed its global Information Technologies and Administration until the company was bought by IBM in 2006.

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**DR. AVI BEKER**

Dr. Beker was a member of the Israeli delegation to the UN from 1977 to 1982, served as Secretary General of the World Jewish Congress, and was a key figure in campaigns for Holocaust assets restitution, against antisemitism, and for the rights of Jewish refugees from Arab lands. We were honored to have Dr. Beker as an Amuta member on our Board of Directors, and know that his exceptional contribution, expertise, and influence in so many areas will have a lasting impact into the future.

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For many years, Paul was an important voice in the development of NGO Monitor, and his contributions and valuable input were essential for our continued success. Paul’s dedication and enthusiasm for NGO Monitor were felt far beyond the formal board meetings. He was always available to talk to staff, evaluate ideas, give advice, and help us improve.

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