

ITEM B.109
FOR ACTION

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Subject: **Comment on the 222nd General Assembly (2016) – Overture 036 (Business Item #08-01) “On Boycott of All HP Inc. and Hewlett Packard Enterprise Products.” – From the Synod of the Covenant.**

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 036 (Business Item #08-01) “On Boycott of All HP Inc. and Hewlett Packard Enterprise Products.” – From the Synod of the Covenant.

Comment:

This overture calls for a boycott of HP Inc. and HP Enterprises due to violations of human rights in Israel/Palestine.

The General Assembly has historically supported boycotts as a nonviolent economic strategy to counter unjust practices and/or promote social change. These efforts have included boycotting table grapes and fast-food companies on behalf of farm workers, Nestle for selling infant formula in the developing world, and J.P. Stevens sheets and towels to support textile workers.

Most recently, the 220th General Assembly (2012) endorsed the consumer boycott of all Israeli products coming from the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Link to Overture - <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/6311>