

**ITEM B.120
FOR ACTION**

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
	A. Finance	E. Corporate Property, Legal, Finance	J. Board Nominating & Governance Subcommittee
X	B. Justice	F. PC(USA), A Corporation	P. Plenary
	C. Leadership	G. Audit	
	D. Worshiping Communities	H. Executive Committee	

Subject: Comment to the 221st GA (2014) - Overture 30 Calling for a Boycott of All Hewlett-Packard Products – from the Presbytery of New Brunswick

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board approve the following comment on Overture 30 Calling for a Boycott of All Hewlett-Packard Products – from the Presbytery of New Brunswick

Comment:

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has historically supported boycotts as a non-violent 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.

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/mrti/boycott/>