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U.S. immigration policy ‘a form of child abuse’

“The US Government is guilty of child abuse and an appalling demonstration of cruelty and inhumanity”, Gemma Weir of the Workers Party has said.

“In a six-week period more than 2,000 children have been forcibly removed from the arms of their parents and legal guardians and placed in wire mesh cages.

These actions are outrageous and aggressive and are in violation of human rights standards, including the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child. They constitute a form of child abuse and are an appalling level of cruelty and inhumanity”, she said

“This cruel and deliberate practice destroys families, undermines the legitimate right to seek asylum from persecution and abuse (often in countries which have been destabilised by the U.S. and its allies and where human rights abusers are trained, financed and supported by the U.S.) and betrays the true attitude of the U.S. to human rights and the plight of refugees”, Gemma said.

“A day after the United Nations top human rights official, criticised the U.S. government’s so-called “zero tolerance” immigration policy the U.S. regime has announced that it is withdrawing from the United Nations Human Rights Council on the pretext that the Council is biased against Israel.

Both the U.S. and Israel are guilty of widespread violations of human rights and the U.S. has a long and bloody record of human rights abuse and support for human rights abusers both at home and abroad”, she said.

“While the Democratic Party has hypocritically sought to take advantage of this situation it is important to recognise that they too have been complicit in the attacks on migrants in that the Obama administration deported more immigrants than any previous administration, with over 2.5 million removals.

It is time to protest against these abuses, not simply this current appalling policy which divides and destroys families, but also the actions of the U.S. across the globe which cause misery, poverty, exploitation and war which force people to leave their homes”, Gemma concluded