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**The humanitarian crisis in Gaza and need for a ceasefire**

Dear Dr Alqodmani and Dr Kloiber,

We write to you to ask that the World Medical Association calls for a ceasefire in Gaza. The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution to this effect on 12 December last year.

The principle of medical neutrality cannot be weakened. Our association has therefore called for all actors to speak out for an immediate ceasefire and that access is granted for humanitarian help.

We believe that a ceasefire is necessary to protect medical facilities, personnel and patients, to facilitate the timely delivery of critical medical supplies, and ensure an urgent scale up of healthcare to address the medical and humanitarian needs of Palestinians. A ceasefire would also serve as an important recognition of the serious risks faced by every healthcare worker in Gaza, and it is indeed our duty to stand alongside our colleagues working under extreme pressures in such areas of conflict.

Yours sincerely  
The Norwegian Medical Association

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