



Outlook

Subject: Ceasefire and End to Genocide in Gaza, Palestine

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Ms. Lucia Gandolfi  
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By means of this letter, and together with greeting you and wishing you a pleasant day, on behalf of the Chilean School of Social Workers, we stand for peace, ceasefire, and for an end to the Genocide in Gaza. On the occasion our social work centenary, I wish to recall that the social work principles, as established by the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), are grounded in respect for inherent human dignity, social justice, human rights, the self-determination of peoples, and collective responsibility. On the basis of these principles, Chile cannot support crimes against humanity, much less massacres against defenseless women, children, and older persons. Conflicts must be resolved through dialogue and in peace. We cannot endorse the killing and mutilation of children. They are the children of the world. Social workers must defend peace and dialogue among peoples. More than 66,000 children have died as a result of bombings, hunger, occupation and displacement. Chile holds the largest Palestinian community in Latin America—hard-working people who have contributed to our country's development, and whose reality we know well.

Fifty-two years after the Civil-Military Coup against the Popular and Sovereign Government of Salvador Allende, we must remember the eighteen disappeared detainees, including five women who were pregnant at the time of their arrest. We have experienced firsthand the ongoing violation of our human rights. We do not condone a genocide against the Palestinian people. Therefore, we request that all measures be taken to put an end to the genocide, and that social workers worldwide work together for peace, by means of the expulsion of social workers who do not embrace the universal principles of human rights, nor the principles governing social work according to the International Federation of Social Workers.

Yours sincerely,

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