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Dr Hafi Saad & Dr Kathleen Harkin
President & Secretary of the ISCPHM
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Dear Taoiseach Micheál Martin, Tánaiste Simon Harris, Minister Helen McEntee, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Minister for Defence, and **Minister Frank Feighan**, Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform with special responsibility for Public Procurement, Digitalisation and eGovernment.

The ISCPHM calls on the Irish government to do all in their power to stop the conflict in Gaza, protect healthcare workers, and enable the provision of the healthcare and food that the people of Gaza need.

Healthcare workers have a moral obligation to advocate for justice and the protection of life. We should also stand up for healthcare workers across the world who are being targeted because they deliver healthcare. Furthermore, we should call out any famine that is man-made and do all we can to prevent it.

Therefore, the Irish Society of Community and Public Health Medicine (ISCPHM) condemns the attacks by both Hamas and Israel that has led to so many dead and injured in Gaza, Palestine, Lebanon, and Israel.

We condemn the attacks made on healthcare facilities, healthcare staff, the WHO, their staff, and on the Palestinians desperately seeking food from the designated 'humanitarian aid' supply locations. We condemn the abduction of healthcare workers, including Dr Hussam Abu Safiya, and the recent law that allows them to be executed. We stress that the neutrality of medical care, human rights, and humanitarian aid must always be maintained for all peoples, everywhere. We call for the immediate release of Dr Hussam Abu Safiya and all detained Palestinian healthcare workers. We are appalled and condemn the ongoing starvation of children and their families in Gaza.

As the government representing the people of Ireland, we ask you to continue to stand up against these ongoing atrocities which are still being perpetrated in Gaza despite the fragile ceasefire.

Yours Sincerely

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On behalf of the Irish Society of Community and Public Health Medicine

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