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Dear Friends and International Partners,

I hereby call upon you to take immediate action to protect the Palestinian People from an ongoing Genocide. As shown in my previous communication, the Israeli bombing on Gaza has resulted in the killing of more than 4000 innocent people with more than 30% of them being children [The UN human rights experts has warned of a grave danger of mass ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory.](#)

On 17 October the Anglican hospital compound was bombed by Israel resulting in the killing of 800 Palestinian civilians that were either patients or families seeking shelter. [Furthermore, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Turk, has condemned the horrific killings at the Hospital in Gaza City.](#) Hospitals, deemed sacrosanct, are facing attacks, resulting in the loss of innocent lives, including patients, caregivers, and workers. In addition to hospitals, the Israeli bombings have also targeted the third oldest church in the world, mosques, schools, which all served as safe refuge for hundreds of families and even essential first responders such as medical staff and firefighters. These heinous acts transpire within the broader context of a conflict with grave genocidal implications. They are emblematic of the overarching policy pursued by the "Israeli" Occupation Entity, a policy that gravely undermines the very existence of the Palestinian people.

For 75 years the international silence over continued oppression from the occupation forces has enabled Israel's colonial apartheid and afforded Israel complete impunity for decades of crimes. I urge you, by the obligations held upon you by [international law](#), to use your influence to **advocate for an immediate ceasefire to protect civilian lives, support international efforts to end the occupation, call for the protection of hospitals and healthcare facilities and ensure that humanitarian aid reaches those in need promptly.**

It is undeniable that the "Israeli" Occupation bears sole responsibility for the wellbeing of the people under occupation, regardless of any attempts to disseminate falsehoods and fabrications to evade accountability. I call upon the world Mayors and International Partners to rise the challenge and learn from our experience; that the world of today will not tolerate the commitment of yet another massacre.

Sincerely,

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