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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you on behalf of the World Medical Association (WMA), the global federation of National Medical Associations representing millions of physicians worldwide. Acting on behalf of patients and physicians, the WMA endeavours to achieve the highest possible standards of medical care, ethics, education and health-related human rights for all people.

The unprecedented humanitarian and health crisis we are facing in Gaza continues, with ongoing and immediate needs of food, water, medical supplies, nearly all essential items and medical services. Hospitals lack medicines, equipment, and fuel and immediate support is required for trauma care, infectious disease prevention, and patient evacuations.

Given the scale of the crisis, humanitarian relief is urgent, massive and crucial. Obstacles to this aid seriously endanger the lives of millions of civilians, making its distribution an absolute priority.

We urge the Israeli authorities to fully comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law, and to grant the necessary authorisations to allow for the rapid and unimpeded entry and distribution of emergency aid. While we understand the need for security, Israeli authorities must ensure that legitimate health personnel can immediately carry out their duties in full safety, without obstruction or interference, in accordance with the principle of medical neutrality.

I thank you for your attention,

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