ECPCP statement to the current situation in the Middle East

ECPCP unequivocally condemns the atrocities committed by Hamas in Israel against innocent civilians and children, as well as their kidnappings, and demands the immediate release of those who have been taken captive.

It is unacceptable for civilians and children to be targeted in military operations. This tragedy affects not only the victims but also the survivors, especially children, who have experienced severe physical and psychological trauma and will require long-term care and support to recover from such experiences.

As pediatricians, we passionately advocate for the rights of children, regardless of their nationality—be they Israeli, Palestinian, Ukrainian, or from any other background.

For the future of our world, it is imperative that their rights are respected.

As individuals, we ponder whether it is not time to dedicate ourselves to fostering peace and giving up war, which is an endeavor that is illogical in and of itself because no one can truly win.

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