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To the attention of the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric Egger

As we all sadly know, on October 7th, Israel was brutally attacked by the Hamas terrorist organisation. More than 150 people, including elderly, women, children, and babies, were abducted, and brought to the Gaza Strip as hostages. Others were brutally murdered. Since then, a war has started causing a terrible number of victims, also among civilians.

As the Federation of European Academies of Medicine, we firmly condemn these atrocities and attacks to innocent civilians.

Our thoughts go to the victims and their families. The losses of this war are unimaginable, but something must be done immediately, in order to ascertain and ensure the safety and well-being of the hostages and of innocent civilians.

Many of them need immediate and urgent medical care and treatment, others are in pain, and need immediate assistance. We urge the International Committee of the Red Cross to actively cooperate to reduce the suffering and risk of abducted hostages and civilians.

We urge the international community to engage in the research of peace, in order to protect the lives of the civilians.

Yours sincerely,

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