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Mr. Moshe Bar Siman Tov
Director-General, Ministry of Health

Brigadier General Prof. Alon Glazberg
Chief Medical Officer, IDF

Dear Sirs,

Over the last few days, we have been exposed to published claims of unethical behavior and care of prisoners in the Sdei Teiman medical facility.

It goes without saying that as physicians and as human beings we have a professional and ethical obligation to comply with international ethical codes dealing with the treatment of prisoners. These guidelines appear, *inter alia*, in the World Medical Association's Declaration of Edinburgh, Declaration of Tokyo and Declaration of Hamburg and prohibit physicians from supporting or participating in any behavior that could be defined as torture or degradation.

We firmly believe that our physicians uphold these guidelines and do their best to provide care under extremely difficult conditions, including, sometimes, fear for their lives. We are also aware that there are unique security considerations in this complex. Nonetheless, the claims raised are troubling and require attention.

We would appreciate receiving a clear picture of what is happening in the Sdei Teiman facility, and concrete suggestions as to what might be done to improve the ethical and professional treatment of the prisoners there without compromising on security.

We would also appreciate it if representatives of our Ethical Bureau could visit the facility and share their impressions.

Sincerely,

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