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Dear Doctors,

Following our return from the General Assembly of the World Medical Association (WMA) held in Porto, Portugal, we are pleased to update you that after extensive and tireless efforts, we succeeded in preventing the suspension of the Israeli Medical Association (IMA) from the global organization.

A number of countries (including the UK, Turkey, South Africa, Uruguay, and Chile) sought to approve a resolution that could have dealt a serious blow to all of us-one that, in practice, would have begun a process of excluding Israeli doctors from international organizations, conferences, committees, research collaborations, fellowships, and more. In response, the IMA led a marathon of meetings, during which we emphasized the important ethical and professional positions consistently expressed by the IMA, and our belief that medicine can and should serve as a bridge for peace.

Ultimately, the WMA issued a call to all its members to condemn any behavior inconsistent with the Geneva Convention (to which both the IMA and the State of Israel are committed) and called on the Israeli government to facilitate humanitarian aid-something that is already being done under the ceasefire agreement.

The WMA welcomed the ceasefire and the return of all the hostages, and all actions against Israeli doctors and the IMA were averted.

We hope that now, with the end of the war and the return home of all surviving hostages, as well as some of those who were killed (as we continue to await the return of all the fallen) a long period of peace, quiet, growth, and medical innovation will begin. This will remind the world of the excellence of Israel's human capital and of our healthcare system.



We are aware that the struggle is not over, and that even now there are efforts in various organizations and countries to act against Israeli physicians and Israeli medicine. We also recognize that every participation in a medical conference abroad still carries the potential for exclusion or harm to Israeli physicians and to the profession.

The IMA, which has worked tirelessly over the past two years, will continue to act resolutely to ensure that the world understands our ethical integrity and to prevent any attempts at discrimination or harm.

We call on all doctors who encounter any incidents, problems, or questions to continue reaching out to us. You may contact Adv. Malke Borow at 03-6100440.

We wish to express our deep gratitude to all doctors who have sent their support in recent months, and to everyone who assisted in advocacy efforts and helped make our voice heard amid the complexity and sensitivity of these times.

Sincerely,

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