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Honorable Ministers of Health of the EU States

Honorable Presidents of the National Physical
and Rehabilitation Medicine Societies in Europe

Subject:
Letter of concern regarding the humanitarian crisis in the teritory of Gaza Strip and Region

Dear distinguished leaders of European Organisations,

The Executive Committee of the European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ESPRM) is closely following the ongoing humanitarian and medical crisis in the Gaza Strip and region.

As it is, conditions for providing medical care, treatment of injuries and medical rehabilitation is below any acceptable level. There is no need to emphasise that the most vulnerable victims are those who are to be protected - children, people with disabilities, psychiatric and chronic diseases, pregnant women and elderly people.

The ESPRM is an international, scientific, and apolitical organisation that serves as an umbrella association for National Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (PRM) societies from 41 countries across Europe, including the Israeli Society for Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, with whom we share a strong and friendly collaboration. As a scientific society, we have always upheld the principles of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

Compared to many other medical specialties, Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine has consistently played a crucial role in regions affected by conflict, providing essential support and care to war casualties.

In light of this, we are deeply concerned about the current level of rehabilitation care available in the Gaza Strip and region, which appears to be severely limited.

The European Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine would like to offer its assistance by providing rehabilitation medicine specialists and other essential rehabilitation services to all victims of the conflict in the region, as soon as security conditions allow.

Sincerely,

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