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ISRAEL MIDWIVES ASSOCIATION

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## Israeli Midwives Association Response to the ICM

To the International Confederation of Midwives,

On October 7th, 2023, Israel faced an unprecedented nightmare, a horrifying reality etched in the annals of history, as Hamas, a terror organization linked with ISIS, launched 3000 rockets into Israel, murdered over 1200 innocent civilians, injured thousands more and kidnapped 150 - 200 including infants, women and children, elderly people and entire families, whose fates are still unknown as we write these words. Hamas left in their wake a wave of chaos, terror and unspeakable horrors. Entire communities in the southern border regions were decimated, innocent lives brutally cut short, with evidence of violence beyond comprehension.

The Israeli Midwives Association denounces the ICM's decision not to unequivocally and clearly condemn the terror organization Hamas and the unfathomable crimes they committed against mothers, babies, infants, children, and the elderly. As an organization that promotes the values of Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) along with the safety and rights of women around the world, it is beyond comprehension that a statement was issued calling for an end to violence in Palestine and Israel without condemning the actions taken on October 7th that led to the unnecessary deaths of so many people on both sides.

As Israeli midwives who work in a region of constant conflict, we are experts in the principals of JEDI, as we work in tandem with all religions in the hospital and community, treating everyone equally. The terrorists who committed these heinous crimes against humanity are being treated in hospital beds along with the survivors. Can the same be said of our neighbors in Gaza who are currently holding innocent hostages? How can the ICM stay silent while witnessing such terror? Had it been your mother, sister, daughter, or child, beheaded, burnt, or raped that day would the ICM remain silent?

It takes courage to stand for justice and humanity and it pains us to see that the ICM has chosen to remain politically neutral. We ask that the ICM reconsider their



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statement and express in a clear and loud voice that they condemn the atrocious crimes against humanity committed by the terror organization Hamas on October 7th, 2023.

We are profoundly aware that there are unnecessary deaths on both sides and our hearts and souls weep for the innocent civilians killed in war. We deeply hope for peace, and a day where we can live together side by side in mutual respect of each other's cultures and religions.

The Israeli Midwives Association would like to extend a huge thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, to the midwives from around the world who have fearlessly reached out demonstrating support, sending prayers and condolences, along with offers for assistance during this challenging time. We cherish this fundamental sisterhood of human dignity that is an integral part of our profession!