

STATEMENT

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Statement of the Executive Committee

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Meeting on 13-14 December 2023, industriAll European Trade Union's Executive Committee is deeply concerned about what is happening in Israel and Palestine and the increasing instability in the European region and beyond.

We unreservedly condemn all forms of violence targeting any segment of the civilian population and call for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire. Every life matters, and all war crimes, wherever they have been committed, are unacceptable.

We wholeheartedly condemn Hamas' brutal terrorist attacks of October 7th. The cruelty of the attack and hostage taking by the terrorist organisation Hamas is indescribable and in no way justifiable.

We condemn every violation of international humanitarian law and the bombing of civilian populations in this conflict. The reaction of the Israeli Government has provoked a humanitarian crisis of devastating impact for the population living in the Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank. This conflict is a humanitarian crisis. With every passing day, the humanitarian catastrophe worsens.

We call for humanitarian corridors through the Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank to facilitate the supply of essential goods and services.

It is time for diplomacy. We call on the European Union and European governments to intensify their work to stop the war, ensure the release of all hostages and facilitate a path towards a just peace and Two-State Solution.

As trade unionists, we condemn the escalation of antisemitism and islamophobia around the world and strongly oppose war, violence and all forms of racism. We want peace and justice for all.