

Dear Scientists, Doctors, Lawyers and Jurists,

this call is directed to the Secretary General of UN Assembly, Marcos Manuel D'Escoto, to the Human Right Council, to the World Health Organization, to the UN representative for Palestine Prof. Richard Falk and for information to Dr. Gingués of UNWRA in Gaza.

It reaches you because we ask your endorsement, as concerned professionals willing to reach some truth on the facts, on the means and modalities utilized by the IDF in Gaza, a request that is now surging from many places, but has still feeble voice within our communities.

We fear that no appropriate investigation will follow this aggression, as it was the case of the war in 2006 to Lebanon and the concomitant aggression on Gaza. We fear that all proofs might be lost or conceived as it has occurred many times before and in 2006.

At that time, we denounced and asked for investigation of the facts, offered to present data that supported that grave breaches of the "international rules and conventions" and "war crimes" by application of severely excessive force, by conscious targeting of civilians and by the use of illegal weapons, illegal use of weapons and by experimentation of new weapons, which are in a limbo from the point of view of legislation, but have been extensively used on civilians and children. These crimes are happening again, in an even more extreme fashion on the caged population of Gaza.

This call is for immediately stopping the current aggression, but we think that this is not enough. We are concerned that the level of "addiction" of our societies at whole to these crimes. This addiction is supported and actively promoted in capillary fashion by propaganda through the media by the most militarily powerful governments of the world and parts in cause, Israeli and USA, and has heightened to adaptation to consuetude toward aggressions to whole populations.

It has become matter of habit not to act when faced with practices in the field that are the outcome of years of project making, research, public spending and production of weapons primarily used in indiscriminate attacks on civil populations, often in name of democracy or in retaliation for "unwanted" democratically elected governments. As professionals in Health and Life Sciences, in Law and Justice we can make informed choices on these events and, as always in recent history, our individual and collective choices can have a relevance for the society at whole.

We believe that in this moment, in order to overcome and stigmatize the present situation we should call for the obtainment of proofs on the claims that war crimes are committed through specific banned weapons or by experimentation on civilians of new weapons, causing immediate and prospective damage, and we ask to the community of professionals and their associations to sign the letter below and to forward it for signature to their associations, councils or organizations.

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*Please send endorsements within 24h from receiving this mail to both addresses below*  
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*We will then publish in websites, forward to press and to the destinataries the letter attached.*