

*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*

We, the undersigned organizations and professionals in Medicine, Science and Law ask you to respond to with prompt and strong determinations to the issues raised by the report of illegal, inhumane and uncontrollable weapons on the civil population in Gaza, specifically with reference to the use of thermobaric weapons in populated areas, targeting of civilians and children by so called low collateral damage weapons and DIME, use of White Phosphorus on inhabited areas, use of weapons that liberate submunitions, use of heavy metals containing weapons that pollute and put at risk the population for the time to be.

We are aware that the medical and scientific communities have the tools to investigate the truth of these claims, and we ask that they will be allowed, protected and supported in doing so immediately. We are aware that it is in the duty and in the possibilities of the UN bodies to achieve proofs of the facts of war.

We ask that you provide that the right to investigate will be established through deliberations, in your respective competence, and made operative with decisions taken immediately. To investigate the claims above, first of all is required that sample collection for testing is allowed, be these environmental or bioptic samples, by independent scientists under the guidance of local scientist and doctors who only can direct this endeavors, as they are professionally competent and also knowledgeable of the cases under suspect.

It is necessary that the assignment of the research on the samples will be regulated on the basis of open calls for demonstration of intent, and that it will be done by independent research teams. Avoidance of conflict of interest, will imply the exclusion from participation of teams from the countries involved in the conflict and from those countries that produce or import the weapons under assessment, or privately funded institutions by these and industrial parties with conflicting interests. The investigations should be done on the same samples independently and blindly from at least 3 independent teams of research and the resulting data will have to be published.

We hope that the international Institutions that govern our living together will not leave again unlistened these requests, as it already occurred in the occurrence of the 2006 war to Lebanon and aggression in Gaza. At that time similar claims as those presented now were substantiated by Doctors and Scientists, but no investigation under monitoring of International bodies was undertaken. We also request that, should any of the party involved in the conflict be resisting your deliberation for fair assessment of the facts, this party will be sanctioned for breaches of the laws and agreements that govern the society of the UN.

We undertake this call with the hope that obtainment of proofs might represent a mean to reduce further damage also due to continuing effects in time of the weapons used, and toward the re-opening of treaties on the "laws of war and protection of civil population" that will have to include the many new weapons, that reside in a limbo position with respect with the Geneva Protocols and the International agreements on use of force.

With great hope that the matter will be confronted, resolutions taken and operative actions undertaken,

The undersigned