

THE WAR MUST BE STOPPED NEITHER TERRORISM NOR GENOCIDE

The criminal terrorist actions of Hamas deserve our strongest condemnation, but they cannot serve to justify the genocide practiced by the State of Israel against the Palestinian people. An Israeli life is worth as much as a Palestinian one.

Hamas must cease its attacks on the Israeli population and release the hostages safely. But the siege on Gaza and the invasion is causing carnage and suffering of an unacceptable magnitude.

The indiscriminate bombings are destroying homes and hospitals, they have killed thousands of Palestinians, half of them children and have caused a million people to be displaced. Keeping the population without electricity, water, fuel and food is a crime against humanity that violates the Geneva Convention and the Human Rights Charter.

The State of Israel is committing war crimes in the face of which we cannot remain passive. We must stop this atrocity that increases the risk of military escalation and poses a danger to peace in the region and in the world. A ceasefire is not only urgent but necessary.

Israel has the right to defend itself from terrorist attacks but not to occupy Palestine and decimate its population. The State of Israel under the political, diplomatic, economic and military protection of the United States is responsible for 75 years of war, genocide and apartheid.

We join the global movement against war and the brave demonstrations of Israelis against their government. **Our place is with the just cause of the Palestinian people** for "self-determination, including the right to an independent Palestinian State" as recognized by the UN.

Defending the Palestinian people today is defending peace and freedom throughout the world. **At this time the top priority is to stop the war.**

The signatory, people and organizations of different beliefs, ideologies and political cultures:

WE DEMAND:

- That Israel stop the bombings immediately, comply with international law and enable a humanitarian corridor.
- That Hamas stop its terrorist attacks and the unconditional release of the hostages.

WE PROPOSE:

- Increasing international pressure and strengthening diplomatic channels to immediately impose a ceasefire.
- Mediation by the United Nations as a peace force on the ground.
- Working for a fair Peace Agreement based on international legality and UN and EU resolutions, where the right to exist of the two States, the Palestinian and the Israeli, be recognized.
- And in Spain, implement the Congressional proposal approved in 2014 in which the government is urged "to recognize Palestine as a State", with 319 votes in favor and only one against.

We call on all people favoring Democracy and Peace to unite and to demand that the governments and institutions of our countries, the European Union and the international community not spare any effort until the war is stopped.