

Appeal “The shame of Gaza must not be our shame”

In the name of the values that the population asks us to observe when treating our patients,

shocked that hunger, thirst, lack of healthcare and misinformation continue to be used as weapons against the people of the Gaza Strip, in flagrant and persistent violation of humanitarian law, feeling a sense of shame at the substantial passivity of the governments of the Western world,

We demand that the Federal Council immediately use every instrument at its disposal to make the Israeli Government and the IDF:

Cease attacks on civilians, health workers and health facilities.

Ensure free access of all humanitarian aid to the population, through independent NGOs, including press reporters who can witness rights violations, and relay the conditions and needs of the local population.

Neutrality and a spirit open to dialogue with all parts involved cannot mean equidistance in the face of violations of humanitarian law.

We gratefully support all the heartfelt appeals, and first and foremost those of the President of the International Red Cross, Mrs Mirjana Spoljaric, who tirelessly reiterates that the Geneva Conventions, of which Switzerland is the custodian, must be respected and promoted, and who reminds us that signatories *must* "make full use of their political and economic power" to exert pressure on a country that violates fundamental rights, as Switzerland readily did when it adhered to the European Community sanctions against Russia during the invasion of Ukraine.

What is happening cannot be accepted; indignation must be followed by action, with no more hesitation.

*It is established that health workers, instead of being protected, are at greater risk than the general population of Gaza, with a mortality rate 2.5 times higher. As for the press, 230 journalists have been killed by Israeli forces, a number unprecedented in history.

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