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Mrs Mirjana Spoljaric

ICRC president

**Subject: Immediate Action Required: Red Cross's Ethical Duty to Hostages - Urgent
Concern from the Israeli Nursing Ethics Bureau**

Dear Mirjana Spoljaric,

The International Red Cross is urged to immediately fulfill its ethical obligations by visiting and ensuring essential medical care for the Israeli hostages enduring captivity under Hamas for the past 50 days. This call is grounded in the organization's foundational principles, emphasizing a commitment to human rights, the provision of crucial services, and the alleviation of human suffering.

Fulfilling these ethical duties is not only essential for upholding the integrity of the Red Cross but is also imperative for the well-being - both physical and mental - of the hostages. This includes elderly Holocaust survivors, children, those with chronic illnesses, and individuals who are wounded.

This urgent concern is raised by members of the Israeli Nursing Ethics Bureau, underscoring the gravity of the situation and the immediate need for a swift response and decisive actions from the International Red Cross to address this urgent humanitarian concern. It is crucial to emphasize that the Red Cross is obligated to visit and take care of all hostages, encompassing civilians and soldiers alike.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mali Kusha

Chairwoman of the Nursing Ethics Bureau

Israeli Nurses Association

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