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SEANAD ÉIREANN

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127. *Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas:*
Non-Government Motions:

7. “That Seanad Éireann:

- unreservedly condemns the brutal attack by Hamas in Israel on Saturday, 7th October 2023, indiscriminately and systematically targeting civilians, and resulting in over 1,400 deaths;
- emphasises that the deliberate taking of hostages, including children and the elderly, is unconscionable and calls for their immediate and unconditional release;
- recognises Israel’s right to defend itself from attack, in line with international law;
- stresses the universal applicability of international law and international humanitarian law, including the prohibition on the targeting of civilians, the principle of proportionality, the prohibition on collective punishment, the prohibition on the use of ‘human shields’ and the prohibition on indiscriminate attacks, to all in armed conflict;
- emphasises the obligation on parties to take all feasible precautions to protect the civilian population and civilian objects under its control against the effects of attacks; and calls on all actors to abide by their obligations in this regard;
- recalls that abiding by international humanitarian law is not optional and that it is an obligation that is binding on all parties, in all conflicts; state actors and non-state actors alike;
- calls on all actors to abide by their obligations in this regard, and condemns all violations of international humanitarian law;
- expresses its alarm and deep concern at the rising death toll of civilians and acute humanitarian needs in Gaza; underlines that, under international law, Israel has responsibilities in respect of the basic needs of the population of Gaza, including

food, water, medical and energy supplies, and calls for these supplies to be urgently restored;

- calls for immediate and unimpeded humanitarian access to meet the urgent needs of all civilians in Gaza, through humanitarian corridors or any other means necessary;
- in this context, calls for a humanitarian pause, to meet the immediate humanitarian needs of all civilians in Gaza who are suffering the appalling consequences of violence;
- extends its heartfelt condolences to the families of all of the victims who have been killed, injured and taken hostage;
- in line with the call by the United Nations (UN), strongly urges Israel to rescind the order for civilians in Gaza to move south of the Wadi Gaza line, and reiterates in the strongest terms that this is causing a humanitarian catastrophe;
- expresses its deep concern at the increase in violence in the West Bank, including further forced displacement of Palestinian communities;
- emphasises the grave risks of a continued escalation of violence in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, as well as in the wider region, and calls for immediate de-escalation, through regional and international diplomacy;
- in line with UN Security Council Resolutions, notes that lasting peace can only be based on an enduring commitment to mutual recognition, freedom from violence, incitement, and terror, and the two-state solution; re-affirms the Government's firm support for these principles; and calls on all members of Seanad Éireann to unambiguously commit to these principles;
- emphasises the vital need for continued and uninterrupted development and humanitarian aid to be provided to the Palestinian people, including through established channels with the Palestinian Authority;
- notes the statement of Palestinian President, Mahmoud Abbas, rejecting the killing and abuse of civilians, and reiterating the commitment to a peaceful path towards Palestinian self-determination;
- expresses its deep concern at the rise in the circulation of disinformation and hate speech, in particular on social media, and reminds relevant companies of their legal obligations in this regard;
- emphasises the urgency of intensifying diplomatic efforts, bilaterally, through the European Union and the UN, to contribute to de-escalation; and recalls the moral and political obligation of all members of the international community to develop a pathway back towards a political horizon;
- affirms that building a just and sustainable peace, in any conflict, requires addressing poverty, inequality, injustice and all the root causes of violence, and meaningful accountability for breaches of international law, in the context of the Middle East Peace Process and in all contexts; and
- recalling the successive Resolutions of the UN, expresses its conviction and commitment to achieving a two-state solution that meets Israeli and Palestinian

security needs and Palestinian aspirations for statehood and sovereignty, ends the occupation that began in 1967, and resolves all permanent status issues in order to end the conflict.”

- *Senators Lisa Chambers, Catherine Ardagh, Niall Blaney, Malcolm Byrne, Pat Casey, Shane Cassells, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Ollie Crowe, Mark Daly, Paul Daly, Aidan Davitt, Timmy Dooley, Mary Fitzpatrick, Robbie Gallagher, Gerry Horkan, Erin McGreehan, Eugene Murphy, Denis O'Donovan, Fiona O'Loughlin, Ned O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Wilson, Regina Doherty, Garret Ahearn, Paddy Burke, Maria Byrne, Micheál Carrigy, Martin Conway, John Cummins, Emer Currie, Aisling Dolan, Seán Kyne, Tim Lombard, John McGahon, Joe O'Reilly, Mary Seery Kearney, Barry Ward, Róisín Garvey, Vincent P. Martin, Pauline O'Reilly.*

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Leasuithe:

Amendments:

1. To insert the following paragraph after the fourth paragraph:

- “- unreservedly condemns the indiscriminate bombing of residential areas in Gaza by the Israeli Defence Forces; the collective punishment of civilians through the restriction of basic humanitarian supplies including food, water and electricity; the restrictions placed on entry and exit to Gaza; and the forced displacement of hundreds of thousands of civilians;”.
- *Senators Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Annie Hoey, Frances Black, Lynn Ruane, Eileen Flynn.*

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2. In the tenth paragraph, to delete “a humanitarian pause” and substitute “an immediate ceasefire, with co-ordinated international action”.
- *Senators Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Annie Hoey, Frances Black, Lynn Ruane, Eileen Flynn.*

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3. To insert the following paragraphs after the eighteenth paragraph:

- “- condemns the actions of the President of the European Commission who offered unqualified support to Israel as it failed to conform with international law through its actions in Gaza;
- calls for the immediate recognition by Ireland of the State of Palestine, the removal of illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and the imposition of sanctions and proposals in line with those contained in the Occupied Territories Bill and the Illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill;”.
- *Senators Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Annie Hoey, Frances Black, Lynn Ruane, Eileen Flynn.*

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4. To insert the following paragraph after the second paragraph:

- “- unreservedly condemns Israel’s brutal assault on the civilian population of Gaza which has resulted in more than 3,000 deaths, including over 1,000 children to date in breach of international law;”.
- *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Lynn Boylan, Fintan Warfield.*

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5. To insert the following paragraph after the second paragraph:
 - “- condemns the forced displacement of Palestinians by Israel to the south of Wadi Gaza line in clear breach of international humanitarian law;”.
 - *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Lynn Boylan, Fintan Warfield.*
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6. To insert the following paragraph after the second paragraph:
 - “- condemns the cutting off of water, fuel, food and medical supplies and the destruction of civilian infrastructure throughout Gaza which amounts to collective punishment, in contravention of international humanitarian law;”.
 - *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Lynn Boylan, Fintan Warfield.*
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7. To insert the following paragraph after the second paragraph:
 - “- calls for immediate ceasefires to meet the immediate humanitarian needs of all civilians in Gaza, who are suffering the appalling consequences of violence;”.
 - *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Lynn Boylan, Fintan Warfield.*
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8. To delete the third paragraph and substitute the following:
 - “- emphasises that Israel’s right to defend itself from attack, must be in line with international law;”.
 - *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Lynn Boylan, Fintan Warfield.*
[18th October, 2023]
9. To delete the tenth paragraph and substitute the following:
 - “- calls for full and immediate ceasefires to meet the immediate humanitarian needs of all civilians in Gaza, who are suffering the appalling consequences of violence;”.
 - *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Lynn Boylan, Fintan Warfield.*
[18th October, 2023]
10. To delete the thirteenth paragraph and substitute the following:
 - “- expresses its deep concern at the increase in violence in the West Bank, which has resulted in the deaths of dozens of Palestinians and left a further 1,100 injured to date and furthered the forced displacement of Palestinian communities;”.
 - *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Lynn Boylan, Fintan Warfield.*
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11. To delete the twenty-first paragraph and substitute the following:

- “- calls for decisive international action to formulate an effective roadmap and a negotiations process, operating within the framework of international law, which can deliver a lasting and just peace between Palestine and Israel. Recalling the successive resolutions of the United Nations, expresses its conviction and commitment to achieving a two-state solution that meets Israeli and Palestinian security needs and Palestinian aspirations for statehood and sovereignty, ends the illegal occupation that began in 1967, and resolves all permanent status issues in order to end the conflict.”.
- *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Lynn Boylan, Fintan Warfield.*
- [18th October, 2023]**

12. To delete all words after “That Seanad Éireann:” and substitute the following:

- “- unreservedly condemns the brutal attack by Hamas in Israel on Saturday, 7th October 2023 last, indiscriminately, and systematically targeting civilians, and resulting in over 1,400 deaths;
- utterly condemns the hospital bombing that occurred last evening;
 - echoes the call of the UN Secretary General for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of all civilians in Gaza, who are suffering the appalling consequences of violence;
 - calls for immediate and unimpeded humanitarian access to meet the urgent needs of all civilians in Gaza, through humanitarian corridors or any other means necessary;
 - emphasises that the deliberate taking of hostages, including children and the elderly, is unconscionable and calls for their immediate and unconditional release;
 - expresses its alarm and deep concern at the rising death toll and displacement of civilians and acute humanitarian needs in Gaza, with over 3,000 deaths to date, of whom 1,000 are children, and hundreds of thousands displaced underlines that, under international law, Israel has responsibilities in respect of the basic needs of the population of Gaza, including food, water, medical and energy supplies, and calls for these supplies to be urgently restored;
 - emphasises that Israel’s right to defend itself from attack, must be in line with international law;
 - stresses the universal applicability of international law and international humanitarian law, including the prohibition on the targeting of civilians, the principle of proportionality, the prohibition on collective punishment, the prohibition on the use of ‘human shields’ and the prohibition on indiscriminate attacks, to all in armed conflict;
 - emphasises the obligation on parties to take all precautions to protect the civilian population and civilian objects under its control against the effects of attacks; and calls on all those involved to abide by their obligations in this regard;

- recalls that abiding by international humanitarian law is not optional and that it is an obligation that is binding on all parties, in all conflicts, state actors and non-state actors alike;
- calls on all involved to abide by their obligations in this regard, and unreservedly condemns all violations of international humanitarian law;
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- calls for decisive international action to formulate an effective roadmap and a negotiations process, operating within the framework of international law, which can deliver a lasting and just peace; and recalling the successive resolutions of the UN, expresses its conviction and commitment to achieving a two-state solution that meets Israeli and Palestinian security needs and Palestinian

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[*This item is in substitution for Item No. 127(7) on today's Order Paper.*]
