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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Statement by the International Students Association of the University of Alberta on the Israel-Palestine Conflict

Dear Members of the University of Alberta Community,

As the International Students Association at the University of Alberta, we want to address the ongoing conflict in the Middle East involving Israel and Palestine. The situation is deeply concerning, and our thoughts are with all those affected by the conflict, including our fellow students and their families.

The International Students' Association at the University of Alberta remains committed to the principles of neutrality, empathy, and compassion. We recognize that this conflict has far-reaching implications and evokes strong emotions from all sides. In this challenging time, we stand in solidarity with all members of our diverse community, regardless of their background or beliefs.

We encourage every member of our university community to demonstrate compassion and understanding towards those who may be directly or indirectly affected by this conflict. Reach out to your peers, offer your support, and show love during these difficult times. It is crucial that we maintain an atmosphere of respect and care within our academic institution. For those who are struggling with the emotional toll of the situation, we remind you that the University of Alberta provides wellness support centers that are here to assist you. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need guidance, someone to talk to, or any form of support during this time.

The International Students' Association is actively monitoring the situation and is committed to addressing any issues that may require advocacy on behalf of our students. If you notice concerns, face challenges, or have suggestions for how we can better support our international student community during this time, we invite you to take the initiative and contact



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us at uaisa@ualberta.ca. Your voice is important, and we are here to listen and assist.

In these times of uncertainty, let us remember the strength that comes from our diverse and united university community. Together, we can offer support, empathy, and a safe space for all those affected by the conflict.

Sincerely,

Your ISA

Helpful Links:

[Mental Health | University of Alberta](#)

[Wellness Supports | University of Alberta](#)

[Counselling & Clinical Services | University of Alberta](#)

[Distress Line - CMHA Edmonton](#)