

Dear President,

The Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona has been following closely with a great deal of concern the violence currently being inflicted on the Palestinian people following the attacks carried out by Hamas on 7 October 2023 against Israeli civilians.

At the same time we have joined the international call for a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and an end to the attacks against Palestinians in the territory. On 10 November 2023 the Governing Team of the UAB issued a statement to that effect and the Conference of Spanish University Rectors (CRUE) also made a commitment on 9 May to review and suspend, where necessary, collaborations with Israeli universities and research centres.

Subsequently, on 30 May 2024, the UAB Senate approved a declaration in solidarity with Palestine demanding a peaceful end to the conflict with respect for international law in a war context that the International Court of Justice considers could be classed as genocide. It also asked the Governing Team to review and suspend collaboration agreements with Israeli universities, companies and research centres, and finally advocated for the creation of a committee of the Governing Council for the purpose of monitoring the commitments emerging from the approval of this declaration.

Given that as of today the situation has not improved, we must inform you that we are cancelling all collaboration with your university. Consequently we are unable to maintain the agreements made previously with your institution.

We hope that the situation of violence will be halted so that all the rights of the Palestinian people can be restored, since only by observing international law and respecting human rights can a fair and lasting peace which protects the civil population regardless of their ethnic, ideological or religious origin be established.

Yours sincerely,



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