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European doctors call for access to Gaza for medical and humanitarian aid

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) repeats its deep concern about the catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza, including the population's need for shelter and unfettered access to humanitarian workers, healthcare and aid.

CPME highlights in particular, the urgent and ongoing need for the immediate and full lifting of humanitarian restrictions by the Israeli government and the enabling of safe aid distribution through established partnerships with the UN and INGOs, including a reversal of the new INGO registration restrictions.

CPME strongly stresses that the international principles of medical neutrality and human rights must be unequivocally respected.

European doctors stand in solidarity with all healthcare professionals, and with the people of Gaza who continue to suffer under this severe and avoidable humanitarian crisis. Their situation must not be worsened by actions that are in conflict with international humanitarian law and medical ethics.

We join the voices of national and regional medical associations across Europe and globally by defending medical ethics and human rights, and urge all parties to comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law.

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) represents national medical associations across Europe. We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.