

## **EGATIN statement on Israel-Palestine war**

EGATIN is an organization that carries out in its professional field activities based on the universal human values of respect and protection of the character, integrity and internal affairs of individuals, groups and organizations. It aims to develop dialogue and exchange leading to mutual enrichment and development.

In light of this, the EGATIN Committee expresses its unambiguous condemnation of the terrorist attack committed by HAMAS on October 7, 2023 against Israeli civilians. Our position is that the atrocities and crimes committed during this attack, which resulted in a huge number of civilian casualties, are contrary to all our persuasions and every concept of humanity. We mourn with our Israeli colleagues the losses suffered and stand in solidarity with their demands for the immediate release of the hostages.

We also express our concern that the new war that broke out as a consequence of the events of October 7 and the resulting humanitarian crisis in Gaza, are pushing humanity, torn by tensions and growing polarization, even closer to the brink of catastrophe. We hope that the cycles of anger and violent retaliation can be stopped.

We also support our Israeli colleagues in their commitment to the well-being of people on both sides of the conflict, and like them, hope that the Israeli Government's actions will remain within the framework of international law and the right to necessary protection. Further escalation of violence and human suffering is unacceptable. We, too, mourn the losses suffered by Palestinian civilians. Conflicts are everywhere, and perhaps there is no more effective way to combat them than to have the goal of instilling hope for us and humanity and remaining human.