



**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Israel Teachers Union**  
**Ben Saruk 8<sup>th</sup>, Tel Aviv**

**To:**  
**David Edwards**  
**General Secretary**  
**Education International**

Israel Teachers Union represents the teaching staffs in Israel of which about 90% are women teachers in schools and kindergartens.

On behalf of all teaching staffs in Israel we are turning to you, the International teachers unions and through you to all teachers unions around the world to unequivocally condemn the harm inflicted upon innocent children and women by the terror organization Hamas, and the cruel and barbaric acts of rape and sexual abuse that are becoming more clear now from viewing the camera videos of the murderous terrorists and from first-hand testimonies as they were also told by the victims at a conference held at the United Nations on Monday, December 4, 2023.

The Hamas terrorists invaded on the morning of a holiday, into the peaceful cities, villages and kibbutzim in southern Israel, they wreaked havoc and destruction while murdering, looting, and kidnapping civilians, including babies, children, women, men, and the elderly, some of whom, as we are learning in recent days, were murdered in cold blood while being kidnapped, while others undergo physical and psychological torture, starvation, abuse and other forms of harm, according to the testimonies of the released abductees and other sources of information.

In conclusion, we expect full condemnation of the atrocities, the rape and the desecration of the women's dignity and body, and fully stand by the State of Israel in the efforts for the immediate release of all the abductees still in Gaza.

**Sincerely,**

**Yaffa Ben David, General Secretary, Israel Teachers Union**

**Pesach Landesberg, Head of Foreign Relations, Israel Teachers Union**

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**Susan Flocken, European President, ETUCE**