

**A Memorandum from the Civil Society Organizations Follow up Committee in Lebanon to His Excellency Mr. Javier Solana High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy,**

**Via his Excellency the Ambassador of the European Union**

The besieged Gaza Strip has been suffering from the fiercest and the most violent Israeli aggression on the Palestinian people for more than ten days.

The escalation in hostilities carried out by Israel led to the fall of more than 550 martyrs and 2500 injured, with a massive destruction of the infrastructure in Gaza, and it continues to jeopardize the safety of more than one million civilians living in Gaza.

Ignoring the violence in Gaza and vindicated by self defense is not accepted to describe the violations Israel committed against Palestinians rights. This attitude places human rights and international conventions to political manipulations and applies the policy of double standards in ignoring the Palestinian People rights.

The Follow up Committee of Civil Society Organizations in Lebanon considers the military actions applied by Israeli army are an aggression against humanity, and a clear violation of the fourth Geneva Convention.

The Follow up Committee of Civil Society Organizations in Lebanon expresses its concern of the coverage and support made available to Israel by the Security Council and the European Union to continue with its aggression on Gaza. And we urge the European Union to take its responsibilities towards Israel for the following:

- Take immediate actions to Stop the aggressions on Gaza Strip, lift the blockage on the people, open the crossings, and provide International guarantees not to attack it again.
- Assure the application of Human rights conventions and the Fourth Geneva Convention, and pursuit the translation of these agreements to all countries without double standards and implementations.
- Reconsider the Euro Mediterranean partnership agreements with Israel and condition its relations with the respect of the human rights and the right of the Palestinian People.

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Lebanese NGO's Network (collectif des ONG au Liban)

Lebanese NGO Forum (LNF)

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Lebanese Families to support Palestinian families Committee