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CPME Statement on humanitarian situation in Gaza

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) expresses deep concern about the catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza and the desperate levels of starvation experienced by the population.

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

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

CPME calls for:

- The immediate lifting of aid restrictions by the Israeli government and the enabling of safe aid distribution through well-established partnerships such as the UN.
- Adherence to international humanitarian law so that civilians, health facilities and health professionals are not military targets. Doctors and other healthcare professionals must not be prevented from performing their professional duties, and all efforts must be made to restore access to healthcare.
- EU governments to exert diplomatic measures to bring about a permanent ceasefire.

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.