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ASSOCIATION OF LICENSED SURVEYORS IN ISRAEL



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To:

Dr. Diane Dumashie, FIG President  
Ms. Louise Friis-Hansen, FIG Director

Mr. Mikael Lilje, FIG Vice President  
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Dear FIG President, FIG Director, FIG Vice Presidents,

Six days ago, my country experienced a horrific terror attack where more than 1300 people were massacred in their homes, and more than 150 people were kidnapped to the Gaza Strip. Given the 35:1 ratio in population between Israel and the USA – this attack is more than 15 times deadlier than 9/11. All of my colleagues have personal connections to people whose loved ones have been killed or abducted.

The atrocities committed towards innocent families in their peaceful homes, and the brutal treatment of those taken hostage, have been broadly distributed in the media and are too horrific to repeat. The victims and hostages include children from 3 months old to grandmothers of 85... people of all backgrounds, ages and religions, Israelis and foreigners, including many US and European citizens.

In recent days, I, like all my Israeli colleagues, have been contacted by international colleagues who inquire about our well-being and wish to provide us with whatever support they can.

I call upon you to make the voice of FIG heard. I ask that you clearly condemn these acts of brutal violence against civilians and call for the immediate release of the hostages.

I understand that the politics around and within Israel are difficult to understand (and I will be happy to talk with each of you to answer any questions you have). But we need to be clear – this was an appalling terrorist attack that occurred on a peaceful high holiday in Israel, aimed at innocent people living within Israel.

I would hope that FIG would not remain silent, and quickly speak up, as has been done by so many – from statesmen, international organizations, artists, to the president of the US.

As a member of FIG for many years, the Association of Licensed Surveyors in Israel believe that FIG will do right to produce a letter of condemnation of this violence and support the Israeli people (and their right to peaceful and safe existence) in these dark hours.

Many thanks,  
Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Yerach Doytsher, President  
Association of Licensed Surveyors in Israel

CC: Mr. Hagi Ronen, Director General, Survey of Israel