

## **Statement of the Italian Association of Psychology on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza**

The Italian Association of Psychology, while firmly rejecting all forms of racism, antisemitism, and Islamophobia, expresses profound dismay and concern at the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in the Gaza Strip, which numerous international institutions and observers have described as a form of genocide perpetrated by the government of the State of Israel against the Palestinian people. Remaining silent in the face of such crimes would constitute a serious failure to uphold the fundamental principles of human dignity and the protection of human life. As psychologists engaged in research, training and education, we regard it as our duty and priority to reaffirm our commitment to human rights and social justice.

Recognizing the suffering endured by Israeli hostages and their families does not diminish the gravity of the widespread devastation in Gaza, nor can it justify the continuing violations of international law by the Israeli government.

We therefore call for full respect of international law, the immediate cessation of violence, and the adoption of effective measures to provide protection, support, and assistance to the civilian population of Gaza.

The Italian Association of Psychology also believes that defending life and dignity cannot remain a mere abstraction; it requires coherence, responsibility, and concrete initiatives from each of us. This entails refraining from supporting activities that may, directly or indirectly, endorse or reinforce the actions of the Israeli government, as well as sustaining all expressions of dissent against such actions, wherever they may arise.