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**THE ESCALATION OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN
CONFLICT IN OCTOBER 2023**

RESOLUTION OF THE PRESIDUM OF CESI

The European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI) is a confederation of more than 40 national and European trade union organisations from over 20 European countries, with a total of more than 5 million individual members. Founded in 1990 and a European sectoral social partner, CESI advocates improved employment conditions for workers in Europe and a strong social dimension in the EU. Most of CESI's affiliates are employed in the different fields of the European, national, regional & local public services, and in privatised services of general interest. CESI also represents private sector unions.

Gravely shocked by the horrible attack on Israel launched by the terrorist organization Hamas and its supporters,

Appalled by the brutality and inconceivable contempt for human lives and dignity – even beyond death – of the aggression which cannot be justified by any means,

We, the members of the Presidium of the European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI),

- strongly and firmly condemn the despicable attacks of the terrorist organization Hamas against Israeli citizens and the Israelian armed forces,
- express our deepest compassion with all victims and affected people and our condolences towards their families and friends,
- stand with Israel and its undisputed right to self-defence, and united against the despicable evil displayed during the attack,
- insist that those who planned and executed the attacks on Israel must be brought to justice and held accountable for their crimes,
- demand that all hostages are returned immediately, without being further hurt and misused as human shields,
- urge all sides to act with moderation, to respect International Humanitarian Law, and to avoid civilian casualties.