



## Commemorative Resolution for the First Anniversary of Hamas's Brutal Attacks on Israel on October 7, 2023

On the first anniversary of the devastating attacks carried out by Hamas against the State of Israel on October 7, 2023, the Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI):

1. **Condemns** in the strongest terms, the brutal terrorist attacks perpetrated by Hamas against Israel on October 7, 2023. These heinous acts marked the beginning of the ongoing war, which has escalated into a broader conflict. The IDC-CDI, in line with the 2023/2899(RSP) European Parliament's resolution of October 2023, expresses its support for the State of Israel and its people, reiterating that the terrorist organization Hamas must be demilitarized and deradicalized.
2. **Acknowledges** that these attacks by Hamas, a terrorist organization supported by Iran, were the catalyst for the conflict. Iran's covert involvement in supporting and orchestrating these attacks has been clearly demonstrated, especially with the direct Iranian assault on Israel on October 1, 2024.
3. **Expresses support** for Israel's right to defend itself, as recognized by international law and in line with the 2024/2508(RSP) European Parliament's resolution of January 18, 2024. The IDC-CDI emphasizes that all actions, regardless of the party, must adhere to these principles to avoid further escalation and suffering.
4. **Demands** the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages taken by Hamas and all other parties involved in the conflict, without distinction. In line with the 2024/2508(RSP) European Parliament's resolution, all parties to a conflict must distinguish between combatants and civilians, ensuring that attacks are solely directed at military objectives and that civilians and civilian infrastructure are not targeted. The IDC-CDI emphasizes the return of over 70,000 Israelis displaced from northern regions due to hostilities. The lives and dignity of civilians must not be exploited as instruments of war.
5. **Calls for de-escalation** and full respect for international humanitarian law, in line with the 2023/2899(RSP) European Parliament's resolution, insisting on an immediate cessation of attacks on civilians, including UN workers, medical personnel, journalists, and civilian infrastructure. The IDC-CDI reminds that such actions are clear violations of international law.

6. **Condemns** Iran's direct attack on Israel on October 1, 2024, in line with the statement by the High Representative on behalf of the EU, which further underscores Iran's role as a central actor in the conflict. This action represents a significant threat to regional stability and security. IDC-EDI calls on the international community to take decisive action to prevent further escalation and reaffirms its commitment to Israel's security.
7. **Expresses** solidarity with all civilian victims of the conflict, from all sides. IDC-EDI stands with those who have suffered as a result of this tragic war and calls for immediate humanitarian relief to alleviate their suffering.
8. **Demands** the liberation and safe return of all hostages, regardless of their nationality or the party holding them. The lives and dignity of civilians must be respected, and they must not be used as instruments of war. This includes calling for an immediate cessation of hostilities and demanding the full implementation of United Nations Resolution 1701.
9. **Supports** a two-state solution and the normalization of relations between Israel and Arab states as the only viable path to peace in the region.

Brussels, 7 October 2024.