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Mr. Antonio Guterres
Secretary General of the
United Nations
405 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017
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Dear Mr. Guterres,

Greetings from the Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA)
Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Below, is the APPA stand on the current situation of children in
Gaza, Palestine.

**APPA STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION OF
CHILDREN IN GAZA, PALESTINE:**

The Asia Pacific Pediatric Association (APPA) is deeply
alarmed and saddened by the ongoing violence and atrocities
being committed against the people, especially children, in
Gaza. The loss of innocent lives, including children, is a grave
concern that demands immediate international attention and
action.

The siege on Gaza, which threatens to starve over a million
children, is a humanitarian crisis that must be addressed
urgently. This war on children is an indelible stain on the
conscience of the world. We call upon the United Nations and
the world's powerful leaders to utilize their influence and take
immediate action to put an end to the vicious killing of children
in Gaza. Specifically, we urge the following:

1. Immediate Ceasefire: We demand an immediate ceasefire that
halts Israel's bombing of areas with children and ensures the
protection of innocent lives.
2. Release of Palestinian Children: Thousands of Palestinian
children are held in Israeli military prisons. We implore the
relevant authorities to secure their release and ensure their well-
being.

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3. Humanitarian Aid: The hospitals in Gaza are overwhelmed
and lack essential resources such as electricity, water, and
medical supplies. The international community must provide
urgent humanitarian aid to alleviate the suffering of the
wounded.

4. Protection of Civilians: Recent announcements by Israel,
giving hundreds of thousands of children in Gaza just 24 hours
to evacuate their homes or face death, are deeply distressing.
The United Nations Security Council and world leaders have a
moral obligation to protect these children and must act swiftly to
prevent further loss of innocent lives.

We stand united with organizations, individuals, and
governments worldwide who call for an immediate end to this
devastating conflict. The world must unite to ensure the safety
and well-being of all children in Gaza and work towards a
lasting peace that respects the rights and dignity of all
individuals in the region.

The Asia Pacific Pediatric Association calls for an end to the
violence and suffering, especially for the children of Gaza, and
we implore the international community to act swiftly before it
is too late.

Sincerely,

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