



Coordinating Committee for
International Staff Unions and Associations

Geneva, 1 November 2023

Dear Secretary-General,

Like you, the Staff Unions of the UN Common system and members of CCISUA grieve our 70 colleagues who were tragically killed in Gaza while doing their utmost to heroically protect and serve local communities, showing exceptional dedication and commitment to UN values.

Their deaths should not be forgotten nor go unmarked.

To this end, we ask that you consider declaring a period of official mourning and authorizing all UN offices to fly the flag at half mast.

We also urge you to continue speaking out against the dire life and work conditions that our colleagues face in the occupied Palestinian territory, and reiterate our deep sadness at the loss of all civilian lives in this conflict, including family members of staff.

We take this opportunity to voice our support for your efforts to promote a humanitarian ceasefire and unimpeded access for aid delivery.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neynet'.

Nathalie Meynet
President CCISUA