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The International Federation of Psychoanalytic Societies (I.F.P.S.), through its Secretary General and its Executive Committee, wishes to express its absolute rejection and unequivocal condemnation of the recent events in Israel.

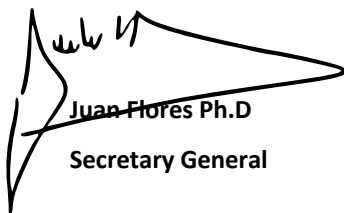
We believe that human dignity, established as a universal achievement, is the foundation of a civilizational ideal. For this very reason, actions of this nature destroy this concept of humanity, and therefore cold-blooded murder, torture, kidnapping of civilians and rape cannot be justified under any circumstances. Such acts inevitably fall into the category of terrorist acts and deserve our repudiation and rejection.

Without prejudice to the legitimate aspirations of all peoples for a just peace and secure borders, no claim can be based on destructive violence and the denigration of another human being.

Violence is not the same as conflict, it is not its prolongation. In psychoanalysis we know that the productive source of life and pulsional dynamism is conflict; when this is denied, symptoms and pathologies arise.

Any expression that becomes totalizing or fundamentalist is at the antipodes to what is characteristic of psychoanalysis. In psychoanalysis, on the contrary, the interpretative work is central in the search for a truth that resides within the subject. We refer then to the idea that truth is something constructed and to be constructed and therefore whoever claims to represent the whole truth, always take the risk of considering another human being as an enemy and thus justifying acts of violence and degradation.

We will try to contribute, from our limited spaces to dialogues and reflections that can help to the necessary discursive changes that make possible a world with more solidarity, where we recognize the need to support each other collectively, and where the other is always the necessary support for libidinal bonds.



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