

STATEMENT ON AID FOR GAZA

United Cities and Local Governments, as the voice of the world's cities and regions, calls for urgent access to humanitarian aid for the people of Gaza and to a cease fire. Humanitarian aid delivery needs to be determined by needs, independent of political or military goals.

We, as mayors and governors representing local and regional governments from around the world, cannot remain silent while witnessing the starvation of civil populations. The international community needs to uphold international law and protect and ensure humanitarian assistance for the children and families who are suffering under unbearable conditions.

As local and elected leaders, we reiterate our commitment to the work done by humanitarian institutions and in particular the United Nations, to protect people in Gaza and around the world in need of aid.