

## IUGS Statement on the Current Conflict in the Middle East



The IUGS collaborates closely with geoscientists from both Israeli and Palestinian backgrounds, and their substantial contributions enrich our Union. We deeply lament the tragic violence and loss of life on all sides of the conflict, expressing profound concern for our fellow scientists, their families, and friends. Additionally, we recognize the imminent threat to scientific networks and infrastructure, further emphasizing the far-reaching consequences of this conflict.

In the realm of science, we understand that progress thrives on cooperation and dialogue. It is rooted in the acknowledgment of diverse thoughts, customs, and cultures, while also appreciating the common traits of our shared humanity. These principles guide us in fostering pathways to peace and development.

In light of this understanding, we earnestly hope for a swift end to the war. We encourage all involved parties to engage in constructive dialogue, seeking a resolution that ensures enduring peace. May this collective effort be a testament to the strength of humanity's common bonds and the possibility of building a future founded on cooperation and understanding.