

Dear executives and team members,

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I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25th, I write to you with deep concern and an earnest plea for action.

WIZO (Women's International Zionist Organization) holds a history of unwavering commitment to supporting and advocating for the safety and well-being of women and children globally.

Today, I reach out to you asking for your voice to be heard against violence.

The recent events that took place in Israel on October 7th have left our hearts heavy with sorrow.

Reports of brutal acts of violence, rape, sexual assault, kidnappings, and even murder against women and young girls have shocked our world.

These acts undermine the fundamental principles of human rights.

It is to the best of our knowledge that women held hostage by Hamas are still suffering from continued violence, while no humanitarian organisation was allowed to see them.

The severity of these atrocities leaves us disheartened by the prevailing silence from many international organisations, including UN Women, and women's organisations around the world.

This was the ground for creating the [Me Too Unless UR A Jew](#) Petition.

We feel that silence is not appropriate at this time.

In response to this, [World WIZO](#) has issued a call to the International Alliance of Women, urging them to publicly condemn these atrocities, which include gender-based violence.

As we commemorate this important day, I implore you to join us in raising your voice against the deafening silence that surrounds these gender-related atrocities and against antisemitism.

Let us unite in solidarity to condemn violence against women in all its forms.

By doing so, we can contribute to a world where women and girls are free from fear, violence and injustice.

Please consider issuing a public statement condemning these acts and demanding the release of the women and children held hostage by Hamas in GAZA.

Thank you for your attention to these critical matters.

We eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

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