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Healthcare Workers 4 Palestine and Islamic Medical Association of South Africa \*Call for Boycott of Teva in South Africa and Internationally\*

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*Please consider distributing, signing and/or endorsing our letter!*

As healthcare workers and as a healthcare fraternity we are appalled at the relentless onslaught on the people of Gaza with loss of lives now exceeding 20 000 people, mostly innocent, defenceless civilians, and the crippling effect on health service delivery due to the continuing deliberate bombardment and indiscriminate massacres happening on a daily basis.

All peace-loving people must condemn the genocide and call for an immediate ceasefire, ending the occupation of Gaza and the occupied territories of the West Bank and the unconditional opening of all borders into Gaza.

The wanton assassinations and kidnappings of healthcare workers and their families is a level of barbarism not seen before in any conflict.

As South Africans, we have experienced the ravages of oppression and persecution in our fight for human rights, social justice and freedom, but the depravity of the Israeli massacres dwarfs even the worst of the Apartheid regime.

We experienced the positive impact that isolation, boycotts, divestment and sanctions had against the Apartheid government forcing them to the negotiating table, leading to the end of Apartheid and we believe the same must apply to Israel.

Our freedom struggle included military action, mass mobilization, international solidarity, and a focused strategy to isolate the Apartheid State.

In our capacity as healthcare workers, we must embark on a targeted campaign to remove all Israeli-linked medical products usage in our country and internationally.

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The Teva group is wholly Israeli owned and satisfies our criteria for a complete boycott of all its products. There are numerous alternatives to Teva products and patients will not be negatively impacted, so we call on all healthcare workers to boycott prescribing, stocking and associating with all Teva products and the company, and the public to ask their healthcare practitioners to prescribe alternatives.

We also call on the distributors of Teva products in SA, Cipla pharmaceuticals to end this partnership with Teva. A meeting will be scheduled early in the new year with Cipla management to this end.

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KZN Palestine Solidarity Forum  
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