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## **OISTAT Message on the Ongoing Israel-Hamas Crisis**

*After receiving and reviewing the broad input from OISTAT members, the EC met and makes its statement on the Israel-Hamas crisis:*

OISTAT condemns any form of violence and aggression against humanity and the violation of international law. According to the OISTAT Inclusion Policy, all OISTAT member organizations, associate members, and individuals in all regions are treated equally and without prejudice.

OISTAT is an inclusive organization for individuals working in all fields of the performing arts around the world. Our mission is to promote the formation of OISTAT Centres with the participation of individuals, alliances, and institutions in all regions of the world, to respect the integrity of all cultures, and celebrate the diversity as well as the similarities of those who work in support of live performance.

We hope for the restoration of peace for the Palestinian and Israeli peoples, and we mourn all the victims of the current crisis that is affecting so many innocent civilians, producing too much pain, loss, and displacement.

OISTAT channels of communication will remain open as part of the global network that provides sites for professional dialogue, cultural understanding, and free speech. By joining OISTAT and being part of this community, you agree to be aligned with the mission stated above and the values shared in our organization. We ask that you not allow our channels to be overtaken by rage and hate speech but seek healing and peace in our hearts to address all individuals with respect and kindness.