

To:
Council of FDI World Dental Federation
The Board of Council of European Dentists (CED)

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Call for Action – Humanitarian Aid and Medical Neutrality in zones of war and armed conflict

The Norwegian Dental Association (NDA) writes to express deep concern regarding the humanitarian situation and ongoing health crisis several places in the world. Restrictions on humanitarian aid have led to severe shortages of food, medicines, and healthcare services, including dental care, while healthcare workers face significant risks in providing urgent and preventive treatment.

We therefore urge FDI and CED to:

- Clearly condemn violations of medical neutrality and emphasize the importance of protecting healthcare workers and services from political conflict.
- Demand the removal of restrictions on humanitarian and medical aid so that life-saving treatment, including dental care, and essential assistance can reach the population in all areas afflicted with war and conflict.
- Support international and local health organizations that operate independently and impartially, to ensure access to food, medicine, and dental services.

Access to basic healthcare, including dental care, is a fundamental human right and a core element of public health. The lack of resources and limited access to healthcare disproportionately affects children and vulnerable groups. The Norwegian Dental Association therefore calls on FDI and CED to use their international influence to promote humanitarian law, medical neutrality, and safe access to healthcare services.

We thank you for your attention and hope for a prompt and clear statement from both organizations.

Yours sincerely,



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