## Members and candidates of the Israeli Institute of Group Analysis for ending the war in Gaza<sup>1</sup>

Dear friends and colleagues,

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We, members and candidates of the Israeli Institute of Group Analysis, write to you with great pain following the situation in Gaza. We feel that we must leave no doubt about our absolute opposition to the positions and conduct of the Israeli government.

To our great regret, this is the government that decided to escalate the war in Gaza after tens of thousands of civilians were killed under its leadership. Hundreds of thousands of others are still at risk of starvation, the danger to the lives of the hostages has become much greater, and proposals for a regional solution are not being met. This is a government that polarizes people and nations and stirs up hatred towards us and within us.

Unfortunately, we have personally experienced survival anxieties as citizens, since the brutal massacre by Hamas on 10/7/23 (Who are still imprisoning and torturing the kidnapped) and subsequently, following the Hezbollah and Iran's missile fire on our homes. It is precisely because of this that we sympathize with the prolonged suffering of civilians in Gaza. The war in Gaza painfully exceeds our concepts of self-defense.

We are appalled by both sides' violation of humane and moral values. Still, we are especially appalled by the continued infliction of physical and mental suffering by Israeli leaders, whom we expected to seek every path to ending this war.

As human beings and as Israelis and professionals, we adhere to the values that we all share.

Hoping for better days for all of us,

Members of the Israel Institute for Group Analysis.

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