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Dear colleagues

The violence and human suffering that you are experiencing leaves us shocked and speechless. Our thoughts are with you in this terrible time.

We fully agree with WHO and four other UN agencies that call for a humanitarian ceasefire, immediate humanitarian access throughout Gaza, safe access to water, health and fuel, the protection of all civilians and civilian infrastructure in Gaza and the respect of international humanitarian law by all parties. We hope that the hostages will return home safely and that the violence will end.

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Architecture in this situation is being weaponized. Homes, schools, and hospitals are destroyed. Like you we are academics of architecture and committed to improve the conditions of daily life of people. Please let us know if there are ways in which we can support you now and in the immediate future.

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