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Senator the Hon Penny Wong
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Parliament House, Canberra

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Dear Minister Wong,

The Medical Association for Prevention of War is outraged to see reports in the past hour of the storming of Gaza's main hospital the Al-Shifa Hospital. Coming after weeks of relentless bombardment of Gaza's healthcare system, with the deaths of over 4,000 children, many more adults, the injuring of a far higher number, the terrorising of innocent people trapped in a war zone with no escape, the deprivation of food, water, medical supplies, fuel and other necessities, the immorality of what we are seeing is intolerable.

Israel's claims of the Al-Shifa Hospital harbouring Hamas terrorists remain unproven to independent observers. If the claims are in fact untrue, evidence will be created in an attempt to justify what is happening. Even if the claims are true, this does not erase the rights of civilians to be protected. The human carnage from a military assault on a hospital, including one that has already been subject to aerial bombardment, cannot be imagined.

Australians are practically begging you to speak up in strong unequivocal language that explicitly condemns Israeli crimes, using the same standards by which you rightly judge Hamas' crimes. How many more Palestinian lives will be sufficient to prompt this?

We implore you to speak up now. The storming of the Al-Shifa Hospital must be utterly condemned.

Australian military and political support for the nation committing such crimes must cease.

Sincerely

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