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To:

His Excellency Gustavo Petro

President of the Republic of Colombia

and the Delegation of Colombia to the United Nations

Subject: Support for the Colombia-led Resolution at the UNGA on Gaza and Palestine

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the European Association of Lawyers for Democracy and World Human Rights (ELDH), we express our full support for the initiative of the Colombian Government to present a resolution before the United Nations General Assembly under the "Uniting for Peace" framework (UNGA Resolution 377A(V)).

We welcome this principled leadership at a crucial moment for international law, human rights, and peace. The Colombia-led resolution is firmly grounded in international law, operationalizing both the 2024 Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice and UNGA Resolution ES-10/24. It offers a realistic, lawful, and viable plan for peace in Gaza, the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and the broader region.

This resolution is vital because:

- It safeguards the non-derogable rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to self-determination and restitution, as affirmed by the ICJ and UNGA.
- It demands the removal of illegal settlements and settler infrastructure, not merely a halt, thereby addressing a root cause of the conflict.
- It advances genuine and just peace by upholding international legal standards, rather than weakening them as alternative proposals risk doing.



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In our view, the Colombia-led resolution is not only aligned with the requirements of international law but also represents the clearest and most credible path toward a just and lasting peace. It is therefore deserving of the widest possible support from the international community.

We commend the Republic of Colombia for its courageous and consistent commitment to peace, justice, and the rule of law. Please be assured of our solidarity and support as you present this resolution before the UN General Assembly.

Respectfully,

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