

To the President of the European Commission
To the President of the European Parliament
To the President of the European Council
To the Heads of States of the Global Community


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As partner organisations, the **European Society for Paediatric Research (ESPR)**, the **European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP)**, the **European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI)**, the **European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC)**, the academic journal **Pediatric Research**, and the **Union of European Neonatal and Perinatal Societies (UENPS)**, wish to emphatically distance themselves from any form of violence against innocent civilians, particularly vulnerable children, irrespective of the underlying conflict or ideology.

Our collective commitment lies firmly with the well-being of children and their families. Our thoughts are with the victims of the numerous humanitarian crises around the world, as well as the healthcare providers, who tirelessly operate under the most challenging conditions.

We call upon the global community to unite and collaborate in finding viable solutions to halt the egregious violence inflicted upon children and their families globally. It is our shared objective to prevent further polarisation during these extraordinarily challenging times.

Sincerely,



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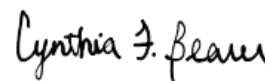
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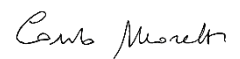
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