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The UIA President of the Council

The Israel Association of United Architects has read the UIA political press release addressing the humanitarian issues of our region. We are all devastated and concerned by the loss of innocent lives since the pogrom of 7th October 2023, where 1400 persons - men, women, and children were murdered in their homes – burned and mutilated.

On the morning of the attack, we lost a dear member of our Association - Architect Yoram Bar Sinai - who spent his career creating communal spaces all over the world- from China to Africa, and specifically in Israel and in his Kibbutz - Be'eri- where he designed the communal paper factory that funded all of its habitants in its peaceful community.

Yoram was murdered in his home at Be'eri – trying to defend his granddaughters. We hope Yoram's peace-seeking legacy and story will be a reminder of the hope of the good in our profession and our place as human beings.

While there are many who seek to destroy, we seek to build back better. With the stated aim of the UIA to unify the profession, influence policies shaping buildings and communities, and advance society through architecture and urban design; we propose that the UIA support a dialogue of architects in the region for the reconstruction and restoration in Israel and Gaza to advance peace, sustainable development and human rights.

We hope the UIA will carry our message,

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