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Dear Members,

The ongoing conflict in Israel and Palestine has been troubling for us personally, and as an organization. We recognize that it has been hard for our members affected by the crisis unfolding in this region.

As an organization, we stand with and for individuals or groups globally facing crisis or hardship. International ACAC has almost 4,000 members worldwide who support student mobility with the goal of finding the best higher education opportunity for each student.

This continuing conflict impacts not only our members in the area, but also our colleagues and students across the globe. Whenever possible, we encourage organizations to be flexible in their support of individuals who are facing circumstances outside of their control, which could negatively impact their pathway and access to higher education.

All of us bear witness to the human cost and mourn those who have lost their lives to violence. We ask for your greatest compassion towards those in our community most directly affected, and if you are in need of support, please reach out.

**Resources to support students facing crisis or hardship:**

Inside Higher Ed - *Coming Together Over the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/students/free-speech/2023/10/20/campus-leaders-promote-open-dialogue-israel-hamas-war>

UNESCO

<https://www.unesco.org/.../education-crisis-situations>

United Kingdom Government

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/.../mental-health.../>

As a majority of our members are traveling for recruitment or business, please stay safe and exercise caution in your travels.

Thank you all for caring for each other.

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