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**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF UN STAFF FOR GAZA, MR. ANDREW GILMOUR,  
ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY**

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This Press Release is further to Press Release [UN4Gaza/PR/2025/002](#) (“UN Staff for Gaza to Mobilize on World Humanitarian Day”).

The following is a message from the Chair of UN Staff for Gaza, Mr. Andrew Gilmour, former United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, marking the occasion of World Humanitarian Day 2025. The message will be read as part of a mobilization by UN Staff for Gaza, at 5pm Eastern Time (USA) at the statue of Non-Violence (also known as The Knotted Gun) on the premises of United Nations Headquarters in New York.

*Colleagues,*

*We have all seen footage of the devastation that Gaza has been reduced to. We have all seen the footage of innumerable Palestinian civilians shot. We have all read the reports of famine, a slow and unbearable death for potentially soon thousands of Gazans.*

*The UN's leadership has spoken out in very clear and principled terms. There can be no mistaking the gravity of their messages and staff appreciate the example shown. Many UN staff, too, believe that their responsibility is to speak out and to stand together, convinced that failure to do so is a form of complicity. Also to show solidarity, from other duty stations around the world, with UN colleagues enduring perhaps the worst experience in our 80-year history. There has been nothing like this number of UN staff being killed carrying out their work mandated by the UN's Member States.*

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*On this World Humanitarian Day, I know many are grateful to UN Staff for Gaza and to the huge number of current and former UN staff who are keen to show solidarity with those colleagues working under unimaginable conditions. Your voices carry across barriers. They serve to remind our colleagues in Gaza that they are seen, they are heard, their work and courage is applauded, and they are not alone.*

*We want to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, in Gaza and elsewhere. For their families and their colleagues, we want to show a message of solidarity, gratitude and profound respect.*

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