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Dear Dr. Samuels

Thank you very much for letting us know of your concerns about the letter signed by 71 UK physicians.

The World Medical Association has policies on the correct behaviour of doctors and the role of medical associations. We apply these policies equally to all incidents of which we are made aware. The allegations have been sent to the Israeli Medical Association and we await their reply.

The main authors of the letter have launched several attacks against the Israeli Medical Association with similar arguments in the past. On each occasion, the WMA has asked the Israeli Medical Association to respond. Investigations have revealed no wrong doing or mishandling of the cases by the Israeli Medical Association.

We have trust that our Israeli colleagues will stand firm on our values and the protection of human rights. They have repeatedly affirmed their commitment to the policies and positions taken by the WMA. We know about their engagement against the current forced feeding legislation in line with our policy as well as their continuing education and support for doctors working with prisoners.

In conclusion, a request for exclusion from membership would require a formal procedure requested by a constituent member and supported by a majority. No member of the WMA has ever asked for any such procedure against the Israeli Medical Association.

We have full confidence in our process which we shall diligently apply.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Michael Marmot
President