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Dear Dr, Saragusti, Dr. Reichenberg, Prof. Holler, and representatives of the organizations of persons with disabilities and the disability advocacy organizations,

Thank you for your message. We take good note of your concerns. Our hearts go out to those families seeking answers about their loved ones. All families, no matter who they are or where they live, have a right to know the fate and whereabouts of their loved ones, and we are ready to do everything we can as a neutral and impartial humanitarian organization to visit anyone detained so we can check on their well-being and provide news to their loved ones. The ICRC has been in touch with Hamas and Israeli officials about being able to visit those deprived of liberty. We are asking for the release of the hostages, unharmed, and for opportunities for them to communicate with their families.

Part of our work is to remind all the parties about their obligations in complying with international humanitarian law, which calls for the protection of those who do not take direct part in the hostilities, such as civilians, or those who have ceased to take part in the hostilities, such as the wounded or dead. These categories of person are entitled to respect for their lives and their physical and mental integrity.

We also continue to compile the enquiries from the families of the missing as we try and clarify the fate of their loved ones. This can take time in volatile situations, but we will be in touch with families directly to keep them informed.

Please be assured that the ICRC is doing its utmost to address valid concerns of everyone affected by this conflict and do not hesitate to consult our public positions on hostage taking and treatment of persons held in custody on our [webpage](#).

With respect,

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Greetings,
Please see the attached urgent letter Disability Advocacy Organizations in Israel.

Sincerely,
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