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The Executive Council sends condolences and support to all CILECT members impacted by recent events in Israel, and in the occupied territory of Gaza. We condemn the Hamas attacks that ignited this latest cycle of violence in the region, as we do subsequent military actions on both sides. We watch with horror the resulting humanitarian crisis and mourn the thousands of innocent lives lost.

Throughout the continuous sixty-nine-year existence of CILECT, our mission has been humanitarian, and driven by a belief that “creativity, diversity, cross-cultural thinking and sustainable development [are] fundamental prerequisites to human existence.”

CILECT supports the education of audiovisual artists who will bring to light and tell the stories of all human experience. Through our students, their passions, and their dedication, we work to make tangible the shared human hope for a better future, one in which all wrongs we witness are called out, regardless of who perpetrates them. A future in which we continue to be guided by our mission and choose compassion over all else.

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