

In relation to the moment that the conflict between Palestine and Israel is going through, the network of universities Institut Joan Lluís Vives states that:

- I. The present situation in Palestine and Israel is deplorable and an immediate halt to all act of violence is required.
- II. Independent of the huge ballast of historical mistakes that both Palestinian and Israeli societies ara taking upon, it is absolutely intolerable the use of the army against the Palestinian civil population under pretext of fighting terrorism. It is necessary, therefore, the application of the UN agreements which request the immediate retreat of Israeli army.
- III. The only pacific solution to this conflict depends on the direct urgent involvement of the European Union and the UN according to the Declaration of Barcelona on the Middle East of the European Council and the UNSC resolution 1402, of March 29<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

Universities all over the world, therefore, are invited to declare their support for the dialogue and the cessation of violence and to participate in arbitration of a new sustainable situation of peace in the Middle East.

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