

**Dansk stemmeforklaring afgivet 15. december 2023 under FN's
Generalforsamlings særsamling efter afstemning om resolution om
Palæstina den 12. december 2023 (A/ES-10/L.27).**

Denmark is deeply concerned about the humanitarian situation in Gaza. The international community has a responsibility to prevent a collapse in the humanitarian system and to avert a humanitarian catastrophe. On this background Denmark voted yes to the resolution before us.

We would have preferred a text which unequivocally condemns Hamas' heinous terrorist attack on Israel on 7 October 2023 and which calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages taken by Hamas.

We also wish to underline that we understand the call for a humanitarian ceasefire to be a call for temporary measures to allow humanitarian needs to be met. As such, a humanitarian ceasefire does not deny Israel the right to defend itself, in accordance with international law, including international humanitarian law.