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### FCCJ Statement: Gaza Resolutions

Dear Members:

The Board of Directors has approved two motions related to the war in Gaza. The first, passed at the February meeting, pertains to the unprecedented number of deaths of journalists. The second refers to civilian deaths and dehumanization from parties on both sides of the conflict. Here are the resolutions:

Be it resolved:

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan supports the call by Reporters Without Borders urging the United Nations Security Council to enforce its Resolution 2222 on the protection of journalists in Gaza. RSF has cited Israel's failure to comply with its obligations to safeguard journalists under applicable international law. Resolution 2222 requires that measures be taken to protect "journalists, media professionals, and associated personnel" in the field. By extension, the resolution protects the freedom of war reporters to cover what is happening, and everyone's right to news and information in war time. More than three quarters of the 99 journalists and media workers killed worldwide in 2023 died in the Israel-Gaza war, the majority of them Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks on Gaza. The conflict claimed the lives of more journalists in three months than have ever been killed in a single country over an entire year. The FCCJ condemns all attacks on journalists and demands action by the UN to enforce its resolution to protect all news media workers.

The second resolution:

Be it resolved:

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan condemns the killing and dehumanization of civilians whether they are the victims of October 7 in Israel or the ongoing attack in Gaza. We support the call by the international community urging the United Nations Security Council to enforce its Resolution 2720 on the protection of civilians and enabling immediate humanitarian assistance to Palestinians in Gaza. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, so far, 100,000 people are dead, injured, or missing, amounting to one in 20 of Gaza's people, including some 17,000 Palestinian children orphaned or separated from their families. This toll is on top of the unprecedented number of deaths of U.N. employees and journalists in the recent conflict. Those interested in getting a full picture of the situation from 1948 until now are kindly advised to refer to the compilation of United Nations resolutions, decisions and voting records of the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the Human Rights Council relating to the Question of Palestine.

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