



## UWOFA Special Meeting of Members Agenda

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**  
**2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

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### AGENDA

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Motion: That UWOFA condemns the ongoing violence in the Middle East and calls for an immediate ceasefire.

Information: This was moved and seconded in the December 4, 2023 meeting of Members and subsequently improperly sent to mail ballot.

Information: In the meeting of Members on February 16, 2024, the following revised motion was shared. A motion to amend the original motion made from the floor at the December 4th meeting of members will be called to clarify the new language before motions are voted on substantively.

Revised Motion:

**UWOFA condemns the ongoing violence in Israel and Palestine and the targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure, including medical facilities, schools, universities, farms, cemeteries, and places of worship. We call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire** to prevent further suffering and loss of life. We condemn the killing of journalists, healthcare workers and UN employees. Immediate steps must be taken to prevent the further collapse of the Palestinian healthcare system.

UWOFA calls for the immediate provision of adequate food, water, and medical supplies to the Palestinian civilians of Gaza, who are suffering greatly and are at high risk of death by bombardment, injury, disease and starvation.

UWOFA demands that the Canadian government to support all international and domestic efforts to hold legally accountable those on all sides who have violated international law, either before, during or since October 7. We call on Canada as a signatory to the Genocide Convention to honour its legal obligation to employ all means reasonably available to it, so

as to prevent genocide as far as possible.

UWOFA supports the principle of academic freedom and freedom of expression by all those who wish to speak out on the current war and on the question of Israel and Palestine, subject only to the legal restrictions on hate speech. UWOFA recognizes that strong speech on Israel and Palestine may make some people uncomfortable, but that the remedy to uncomfortable speech is more speech, not censorship.

Consistent with international law, UWOFA demands an end to the occupation of Palestinian land, and an end to the Israeli settlements. Further, we recognize that the conflict cannot be solved by the use of force and that a just and durable solution must be found through political means, consistent with international law.

### 3. Adjournment