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The Academic Council of the European University Institute (EUI)

condemns the ongoing violence against civilians in the conflict in the Middle East and calls for an immediate ceasefire and the release of hostages;

is committed to ensuring the EUI remains a safe space for all, in particular its students and researchers, to freely express diverse opinions and engage in peaceful protest;

reaffirms that open dialogue is vital for the EUI as a research university.