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PRESIDENT

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Dear friends,

As Israel finds itself under attack, the Weizmann Institute of Science community is grateful for the outpouring of support from our friends and colleagues around the world. Your messages of warmth and friendship are deeply appreciated as we navigate the challenges of this latest conflict.

The safety and security of our campus community is our first priority. We have closed our campus to all but the most essential emergency employees. Scientists, students, and staff are working remotely, and we have relocated our international students, postdocs, and guests to a hotel in the Jerusalem area where Weizmann School of Science staff and other Institute leadership is ensuring they receive any assistance they require.

We have extensive emergency preparedness plans in place. In the wake of the Iranian missile strikes last June, Institute management has taken a series of additional important steps to protect our most valuable physical assets. This includes measures to safeguard our precious lab samples, energy and data centers, and other operating systems. Institute management is working continuously to ensure that our research and key systems are not compromised so that we maintain operational continuity.

The State of Israel is facing another difficult hour, but it is an historic one. The sense of solidarity and purpose across Israeli society is inspirational. Likewise, our campus community is strong. I've been continually awed by the resilience it has shown over the last few years of war and the many challenges that we have faced. This moment is yet another

Thank you again for your ongoing support and partnership and we will continue to update you as the situation evolves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alon Chen', is written over a faint, large watermark of the Weizmann Institute tree logo.

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