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Dear Ms Bracha,

Please allow me and all of my colleagues at the German Patent and Trade Mark Office to express our deepest compassion and condolences in view of the most recent Hamas terrorist attacks against Israel. The news of the attack has left me in deep shock and dismay. Our thoughts are with all victims and their families as well as with the entire Israeli people at this time.

I strongly condemn the brutal and inhumane terrorist attack by Hamas against Israel. Terror against the civilian population cannot be justified by anything. The acts of aggression are an attack on humanity and a threat to peace in the Middle East.

We assure you that in these difficult times – as well as in the future – we will stand firmly with Israel. It is our determination to work together for a peaceful and prosperous future and to provide help wherever possible.

You have our deepest sympathies and our unconditional solidarity.

In deep unity,

Eva Schewior