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## 2023 Issue No. 9: Urgent Calls to Action

### Israel/Palestine

*The situation in Israel/Palestine is terrible and fast getting worse. Many of those trying to help – including at least 11 staff members of UNWRA (the UN agency doing humanitarian work with the Palestinian refugees) in Gaza – have been killed in the last 2 weeks. The UK government must act. Please urgently send [this letter](#) to your MP, whose contact details can be found [here](#).*

### LASER AGM

#### Have you registered to receive the AGM papers on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October?

Our AGM will be a hybrid event on **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 11:30 – 16:30**.

**If you plan to come in person, please register [here](#).** (Please bring a packed lunch.) Directions to Bermondsey Village Hall, Kirby Grove, London SE1 3TD from London Bridge mainline station are [here](#).

**If you plan to join us by Zoom, please register [here](#).**

We will send out papers (agenda, candidate bios, etc) on 23rd October to those who have registered. There will not be paper copies available at the meeting.

### Programme

11:30 – 13:15: Reports, Awards, Elections and Resolutions

13:15 – 14:00: Lunch (BYO; hot drinks, fruit and biscuits provided)

14:00 – 15:00: **Reflections of a Former ICC Chief Prosecutor** by LASER President, HE **Dr Fatou Bensouda**, High Commissioner of Gambia and former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

15:00 – 16:30: Brief presentations from 10 LASER branches/groups on some inspirational activities

### Imminent UNA LASER Events in Rochester and Canterbury

#### UNA Medway Launch

The launch of the recently formed Medway United Nations Association (UNA) on **Tuesday 24th October, United Nations Day**. The launch begins at **10:00** with the United Nations flag being raised at Gun Wharf. This will be followed at **11.00** by an opportunity to network and find out about Medway UNA over coffee at Rochester Cathedral. Prayers for Medway UNA will also be said during the cathedral's **17.30** Evensong Service and, once it turns dark, the spire will be illuminated in United Nations blue. Let's warmly welcome this new branch to our community!

#### UNA Canterbury

On **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 17:30**, Canterbury UNA will be holding their **Annual Peace Service** in **Canterbury Cathedral**. This year's focus is on SDG 1: **to end poverty in all its forms everywhere**. The keynote address is from **Professor Jan Pahl**; the Lord Mayor will read the preamble to the UN Declaration. Peace and poverty eradication are our urgent priorities.

### The Next Edition of *LASER Pulse*

Please [send us](#) any materials or suggestions for the next edition of *Pulse* by **1<sup>st</sup> November**.

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