Dear professor Van Nieuwenhuyse,

We hope this email finds you well. We kindly ask for your time to read our letter urging you to rethink the ongoing collaboration with Kibbutzim College. We are contacting you in your capacity as promotor of the Horizon Europe project *Integrating innovative theories and practices in historical culture and education*.

We, members of the Faculty of Arts, are concerned about the complicity of our university in the Israeli occupation of Palestine and the Israeli apartheid regime. The ICJ has found "plausible" grounds to believe that Israel is committing a genocide. Whether they will find Israel guilty will be determined in the coming years. The Palestinians in Gaza do not have years to wait for the judiciary system. In our concern for the complicity of KU Leuven, we repeat the chants of the public protests that "never again is now."

A tool ready at hand for academics in this struggle is an academic boycott of Israel. The BDS movement in general, advocates for a further cultural and economic boycott of Israel. An academic boycott is never a boycott of individuals, but of institutions. The guidelines include not "providing advice, review or referee services to Israeli universities" and not participating in "research and development projects with complicit Israeli academic institutions, the Israeli government or complicit corporations." There are further explanations to each point, which underline how this is not a boycott aimed at individuals. We therefore ask you to consider your position as promotor in relation to Kibbutz College, and not the specific colleagues you are working with.

Our rector has repeatedly reminded us that the university is apolitical. In a speech on May 21, Luc Sels stated that it was not the role of the university to tell the difference between right and wrong. Though we might disagree with the rector's opinion – no institution is apolitical – we believe that to continue working with Israeli academic institutions is to condone Israel's war on Gaza. While the rector can make vague postulations as to the apolitical position of KU Leuven, Israel's university system has systematically been proven to be politically geared towards serving the state. Israeli academic institutions are deeply entangled with the military as they produce research which excuses and justifies apartheid. This collaboration between Universities and the state is to the detriment of all Palestinians. It is important to keep in mind that this collaboration is structural and embedded across disciplines and research topics.

Israel has received more funding than some European countries through Horizon Europe. One of the conditions for participation is respect for human rights and the upholding of international law. Israel's violations of human rights precede October 7 of 2023, but the invasion of Gaza and the ongoing massacre cements their disregard for international law. If academic collaborations continue, KU Leuven protects an

academic system embedded in the Israeli state-project rather than following the guidelines of Horizon Europe and aligning itself with international law.

That is why we urge you to end this complicity of our faculty by advocating for the removal of Kibbutzim College from the *Integrating innovative theories and practices in historical culture and education* project. If you do not wish to boycott, we demand a clear explanation on how Kibbutzim College is not complicit in Israeli occupation, apartheid and now genocide.

We appreciate the time you took to read our letter and hope you will consider our plea carefully.

Kind regards,

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