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Subject: Ban Israel from Eurovision 2024

Dear RTÉ Eurovision Team

As a viewer and avid fan of the Eurovision Song Contest, I would like to add my voice to the growing concerns about Israel's participation in the Eurovision Song Contest this year.

I urge you, as our national representative broadcaster at the Eurovision Song Contest, to put pressure on the European Broadcasting Union ('EBU') to reconsider Israel's participation in the contest, and ban them from competing this year.

While it claims to be a non-political competition of broadcasters, the ban of Russia in 2022 due to their invasion of Ukraine indicates a willingness of the EBU to impose sanctions on a nation's broadcaster for the actions of their government. Exclusion of the representatives of an oppressive power from international events is an effective tool to express a collective rejection and condemnation of the actions of that State.

As our national broadcaster, you are no doubt aware of Israel's on-going military campaign against occupied Palestine and their violent actions in surrounding countries. Israel's participation in the Eurovision Song Contest raises legitimate ethical and moral questions, and damages the event's reputation as a platform for peacefulness, cultural exchange and inclusivity.

Should the EBU allow the broadcasting representative of Israel to compete this year, and RTÉ take no stance against their participation, I will no longer watch the Eurovision Song Contest or the national Eurosong Contest scheduled for 26 January 2024. I am sure I will not be alone in this.

Not only will this lead to a significant drop in viewership, it stands to reflect poorly on RTÉ and our national legacy for years to come.

Yours Faithfully,

<your name>