



Jerusalem, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Dear Members of the CISH,

It is with deep regret that we must inform you of our decision to step back from hosting the 24th Congress of the International Committee of Historical Sciences, scheduled to take place in Jerusalem in 2028.

For a long time, we held on to the hope that the current war would come to an end, and that the region would begin a process of recovery, reconciliation, and rebuilding. We believed – and still believe – in the power of dialogue and scholarship to build bridges and foster understanding. However, the ongoing war, and the suffering it continues to cause, make it impossible at this time to commit to hosting the congress.

We remain deeply committed to the belief that the day of peace will come. When it does, it will lead to a long and challenging journey toward healing.

We hope that the choice of the General Assembly to have the conference in Jerusalem will be kept for the right time in the near future.

Until that day, we will continue to help the CISH to foster its goals and to do all we can to contribute to a more peaceful and just future for our region.

We thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

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