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To: Edinburgh University Justice for Palestine Society

We note your response to our letter of 31 October.

In our most recent letter to you, we reiterated that the University supports the right to lawful, peaceful and respectful protest. You do not, however, have the right to prevent access to our buildings or to disrupt or interfere with events or the choices of our students and staff.

We remind you that your blockade of the entrances to Charles Stewart House on 18 October and your occupation of the Sanderson Building on 30 October, as well as your entry to the Main Library on 2 November when you were asked not to enter, are completely unacceptable and such actions will not be tolerated.

Your most recent social media posts (including  $\underline{30 \text{ October on } X}$  and  $\underline{3 \text{ November on } X}$ ) are offensive and have taken an increasingly threatening tone against us, the Principal and other colleagues. We take these threats against our staff very seriously. **You must remove these immediately.** 

The University will not tolerate bullying, intimidation and offensive behaviour of the type that has been witnessed in recent weeks, both online and in person. We have been very clear that disciplinary action may be taken should anyone breach the Code of Student Conduct. We have now reached that position and will be investigating these breaches with a view to pursuing disciplinary action against individual students thought to be in breach of the Code.

To date, we engaged with the demands you have made, and we have remained open to a dialogue with EU-JPS that is respectful, constructive and held in a spirit of collegiality. However, since your use of offensive language and threatening behaviour has increased, you have left us with no option but to cease all engagement with EU-JPS until your approach to dialogue, including what you post on social media, changes.

EU-JPS represents a small minority of students – many others will have different perspectives and they should feel safe to voice their views as well. We will continue to engage with our wider student and staff community in this spirit. This will not impact our planned approach to review the University's Responsible Investment Policy.

Regards,

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