

May 27th, 2024

Dear G7 Heads of Government,

On behalf of over 160 Israeli and Palestinian peacebuilding organizations that make up the Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP), and others who stand in solidarity with this community, we write to you today to urge you to include language in the upcoming G7 Leaders' communique highlighting the importance of civil society peacebuilding work as an integral part of any viable process to end the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

With levels of violence, trauma and destruction that we have never before seen, we are calling on you to address the Israeli/Palestinian conflict in a more comprehensive way than we have seen attempted previously.

As long-time advocates of peace, we see the recent horrific, yet avoidable, escalation of violent conflict as a clear indication of the international community's failure to adequately support civil society peacebuilding initiatives. Thanks to successive academic studies, we know that such programs – which build meaningful relationships between Israelis and Palestinians and are predicated on a shared commitment to peace, security and equality for both peoples – disrupt and reverse attitudes and beliefs that fuel conflict.

For peace to last it must be built from the ground-up. Yet, every previous round of Israeli-Palestinian diplomacy has lacked a “bottom-up” strategy. To ensure the success of any diplomatic initiative, top-down negotiations among leaders must be matched this time by a peacebuilding process at the societal level between Israelis and Palestinians, even more critical now considering the trauma and polarization from the unprecedented violence of past months.

As such, we - Israeli and Palestinian civil society peacebuilders, and our partners around the world- are recommending that the Apulia Summit break new ground on multilateral support and a new centrality for civil society peacebuilding– a consensus priority not dependent on the more complex issues currently being debated and creating division and delay. Specifically, we recommend that G7 leaders include language in the Leaders' Communique that commits G7 states and other welcome partners to collaborate on civil society peacebuilding as part of a coordinated and multilateral approach to conflict resolution. Specifically, we recommend the insertion of the language below, which aligns the G7 with the latest messaging within the Quartet, UN, and several G7 member states:

*“We affirm our commitment to working together multilaterally-- and with other international partners-- to closely coordinate and institutionalize our support for civil society peacebuilding efforts. Ensuring that such efforts are part of a larger strategy to build the foundations necessary for a negotiated and lasting Israeli-Palestinian peace.”*

**There can be no sustainable peace without the critical mass of individuals and groups in Israel and Palestine who can support and sustain a diplomatic agreement. We welcome your reply and commitment to supporting peace and Israeli-Palestinian partnership.**

Sincerely,

**ALLMEP Members Signatories:**

50:50 Startups

A Land for All - Two States One Homeland

A New Dawn in the Negev

A New Way

Abraham Initiatives

aChord – Social Psychology for Social Change

Achvat Amim

Adam Institute for Democracy and Peace

Adva Center

Amal Spoken Arabic

Anahnu

Appleseeds

Arab-Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation - Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (AJEEC)

Arava Institute for Environmental Studies

Artsbridge, Inc.

Associazione culturale Pace in Medio Oriente

Atid Bamidbar (Future in the Desert)

Beit Berl - The Center for the Advancement of Shared Society

Blend.Ar

Building Together (Build Israel Palestine)

Canada International Scientific Exchange Program

Catchball Friendship League

CEF

Challenge

Churches for Middle East Peace

Circle of Health International

Citizens' Accord Forum between Jews and Arabs in Israel

Combatants for Peace

COME Foundation

Compassionate Listening Project

Creating Friendships for Peace, Inc.

Dana Global

Desert Stars

Drachim - Hechalutz

Eastern Mediterranean International School

Eco Ocean

Economic Cooperation Foundation

EcoPeace Middle East

Ein Bustan

Ein Dor Museum

Encounter

ESG Legal Services

Extend

Forum for Regional Thinking  
Freddie Krivine Foundation  
Friends Forever  
Givat Haviva Educational Foundation  
Global Entrepreneurship Network Israel  
Global Minds Institute  
GreenLand Society  
Hand in Hand: Center for Jewish-Arab Education  
Haredim La-Ketesv  
Hashomer Hatzair Life Movement  
Healing Across the Divides  
Heartbeat Jerusalem  
Holy Land Trust  
House of Hope  
Humans Without Borders  
Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development  
Interfaith Encounter Association  
International Center for Conciliation  
International Center for Contemporary Education  
International Council for Diplomacy and Dialogue (ICDD)  
International Peace & Cooperation Center (IPCC) - Jerusalem  
Ir Amim  
Israelis & Palestinians for Peace  
Itach Maaki  
Itworks  
Jahalin Solidarity  
Jerusalem Center for Women  
Jerusalem International YMCA  
Jerusalem Peacebuilders  
Jerusalem Youth Chorus  
Jewish-Arab Community Centre, Akko (Sir Charles Clore Jewish-Arab Community Centre)  
Kav Mashve  
Leo Baeck Education Center  
Lissan  
Looking the Occupation in the Eye  
Madrasa  
Magical Children of Light Initiative  
Mahapach-Taghir  
Malta Conferences Foundation  
Mehazkim  
Mekudeshet  
MEPEACE  
Merchavim  
Middle East Children's Institute  
Middle East Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow (MEET)

Middle East Initiatives  
Mindfulness in Arabic  
Moa - Ehvam – International Spiritual Center for Peace  
Music in Common  
NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief  
Negotiation Strategies Institute  
Neve Shalom - Wahat al Salam  
New Story Leadership  
One Semitistan  
OneVoice Movement  
Oranim College of Education  
Ossim Shalom - Social Workers for Peace and Welfare  
Other Voice  
Our Generation Speaks  
Oz Veshalom  
Palestine Agency for Food and Agriculture  
Palestinian Center for Agricultural Research and Development  
Palestinian Internship Program  
Parents Circle - Families Forum  
Pathways Institute for Negotiation Education  
Peace Drums Project USA  
PeacePlayers International  
People of the Book  
People2People - Envision Peace  
Peres Center for Peace & Innovation - YaLa Young Leaders  
Project Rozana  
Rabbis for Human Rights  
reGeneration Education  
Reut Sadaka  
Road to Recovery  
Roots  
ROPES  
Rossing Center for Education and Dialogue - Open House Ramle  
Science Training Encouraging Peace Graduate Training Program  
Search For Common Ground  
Seeds of Peace  
Shalom Hartman Institute  
Siach Shalom - Talking Peace  
Sikkuy - Aufoq  
Sipur - Hikaya  
Special Olympics Israel  
Sport for Social Impact  
SquashBond  
St. Louis French Hospital  
Standing Together (Omdim Beyachad)

Studio of Her Own  
 Sulha Peace Project  
 Sustainable Israeli Palestinian Projects  
 Tag Meir  
 Taghyeer  
 TALI Education Fund at the Schechter Institutes  
 Talk Matters  
 Teachers' Lounge  
 Tech2Peace  
 The Elpis Project  
 The Regional Council for the Unrecognized Arab Villages in the Negev (RCUV)  
 This is Not an Ulpan  
 Tomorrow's Women  
 Tomorrow's Youth Organization  
 TRUST-Emun  
 Tsofen - Tashbik  
 Ultimate Peace  
 Water Resources Action Project  
 Women of the Sun  
 Women Wage Peace  
 Young Israeli Forum for Cooperation  
 Yozmot Atid

**G7 & International NGO Signatories:**

His Holiness Pope Francis - Vatican  
 Beati i costruttori di pace / Rete italiana Pace e Disarmo - Italy  
 JCall Italy - Italy  
 Italian Federation Christian Organisations of international Volunteers - Italy  
 Shir Hadash Firenze - Italy  
 Assisipacegiusta (Italian Coalition) - Italy  
 University of Bergamo - Italy  
 Canadian Association of Jews and Muslims - Canada  
 New Israel Fund - Canada  
 JSpace - Canada  
 Canada's Feminist Forum for Afghanistan - Canada  
 Ameinu Canada - Canada  
 Canadian Friends of Peace Now - Canada  
 La Paix Maintenant - France  
 Guerrières de la Paix - France  
 Coexistences - France  
 Kaleidoscope - France  
 Jeunesse Du Monde en Action - France  
 JCall France - France  
 Connecting Actions - France  
 Coexister - France  
 CCFD - Terre Solidaire - France

Stiftung Deutsch-Israelisches Zukunftsforum - Germany  
 Pax Christi Deutschland - Kommission Nahost - Germany  
 International Peace Bureau (IPB) - Germany  
 forumZFD - Germany  
 EAPPI-Netzwerk Deutschland e.V. - Germany  
 Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy - Germany  
 diAk | Deutschland - Israel - Palästina – zusammen denken e.V. - Germany  
 Robert Bosch Stiftung - Germany  
 New Israel Fund (NIF) Deutschland e.V. - Germany  
 Bischöfliches Hilfswerk Misereor e.V. - Germany  
 Agiamondo e.V. - Germany  
 Itabashi Peace Museum Campaign - Japan  
 Association Katawara - Japan  
 Yachad - UK  
 Solutions Not Sides - UK  
 Philip King Charitable Trust - UK  
 New Israel Fund (UK) - UK  
 Social Change Initiative - UK (Northern Ireland)  
 Hands Across the Divide - UK (Northern Ireland)  
 The Business Plan for Peace - UK  
 Policy Working Group - UK  
 Rethinking Conflict - UK - Northern Ireland  
 The Middle East Peace Dialogue Network - USA  
 The Goodwin Foundation - USA  
 Peace Catalyst International - USA  
 International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) - USA  
 Diane & Norman Bernstein Foundation - USA  
 The International Center for Religion & Diplomacy - USA  
 Schocken Foundation - USA  
 New Israel Fund (United States) - USA  
 Alliance for Peacebuilding - USA  
 Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) - USA  
 Pax Christi Metro New York, Inc. - USA  
 Social Psychology Network - USA  
 PCMNY - USA  
 Pax Christi New York State - USA  
 Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns - USA  
 Dominican Sisters Conference - USA - USA  
 Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité - CIDSE - Belgium  
 Entraide et Fraternité - Belgium  
 Kerk in Actie (Protestant Church in the Netherlands) - Netherlands  
 JCall Barcelona - Spain  
 B8 of Hope - Switzerland  
 Open Asia - Armanshahr - Afghanistan  
 Afghan women news agency organization - Afghanistan  
 Afghan Women Network International - Afghanistan  
 Afghan Solidarity Coalition - Afghanistan

Reach Out - Cameroon  
Corporación Conciudadanía - Colombia  
Corporación Ciase - Colombia  
Justicia, Derechos Humanos y Género - Costa Rica  
Women's center for guidance and legal awareness – Egypt  
Association for Farmers Rights Defense, AFRD - Georgia  
Centre for Communities Education and Youth Development (CCEYD) - Ghana  
Altar Relief Foundation – Ghana  
Blood Patients Protection Council - India  
Association for Promotion Sustainable Development (APSD) - India  
The Alliance of Indigenous Peoples of the Archipelago - Indonesia  
J-Link - International  
Pax Christi International - International  
Amal-Tikva - Israel/Palestine  
Action pour le Développement et la Protection de la Famille (ong ADPF) - Ivory Coast  
Yakjah - Jammu & Kashmir  
Women Advocacy Coalition - Myanmar  
Gender Equality Network - Myanmar  
LiveWell Initiative LWI - Nigeria  
Paiman Alumni Trust - Pakistan  
United Social Welfare Society - Pakistan  
Pakistan Development Allinace - Pakistan  
Foundation for Rural Development (FRD) - Pakistan  
Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy - Philippines  
Nisa Ul Haqq fi Bangsamoro - Philippines  
Engender - South Africa  
Women Relief Aid - South Sudan  
Association of War Affected Women - Sri Lanka  
Act Now - Sri Lanka  
Madaniya organization - Sudan  
Mobaderoon - Syria  
Dali and Senda Association for Peace - Tunisia  
Arab Women Parliamentarians Network for Equality (Ra'edat) - Tunisia  
Hope Revival Organization (HRO) - Turkey  
Coalition for Action on 1325 - Uganda  
Uganda Peace Foundation - Uganda  
Uganda Muslim Medical Bureau - Uganda  
Amoru AIDS Support Community Initiative (ASCI) - Uganda  
Youth Leadership Development Foundation - Yemen