



Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly
Conseil des Présidents de l'Assemblée Générale des Nations Unies

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Excellencies,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly (UNCPGA) in your respective capacities as President of the UN General Assembly, President of the UN Security Council, and Secretary-General of the United Nations to express deep alarm at the continuing Middle East conflict and the rapidly escalating dangers it poses for international peace and security, as well as global prosperity and well-being. This requires urgent diplomatic action by the United Nations. We therefore welcome the appointment today by the UN Secretary-General of his Personal Envoy to lead the United Nations efforts on the Middle East conflict and its consequences.

The hostilities now unfolding constitute grave violations of the UN Charter and international law, including the prohibition of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state. The scale and nature of the attacks—across multiple land and sea borders, and on civilian population centers and critical infrastructure, especially energy and water installations—are destabilizing the entire Middle East and placing millions of civilian lives at risk.

The conflict has reached a point where its consequences extend far beyond the region. Deliberate strikes on major oil and gas installations, escalating military operations around the Strait of Hormuz and the growing disruption of maritime routes have created a volatile situation with severe geopolitical and geo-economic repercussions. The world is already experiencing a deepening energy crisis, with cascading effects on global markets, supply chains, economic stability and the cost of living for billions of people.

We are alarmed by the rapid escalation of hostilities, particularly threats and ultimatums issued by the parties, which could lead to serious miscalculation and rapid escalation of the conflict, including nuclear risks. The current trajectory of the conflict demands urgent diplomatic intervention before events spiral beyond control.

At this critical moment, the international community has not yet made full use of the tools available under the UN Charter for the peaceful settlement of disputes. We are particularly concerned that there is a serious lack of diplomatic efforts, both by the parties to the conflict, as well as by the United Nations and the international community at large, to de-escalate and resolve the conflict as soon as possible.

We, therefore, respectfully urge the United Nations to take immediate and decisive steps as follows:

- The **UN Security Council** should urgently act to fulfil its responsibilities under the UN Charter. We urge the UN Secretary-General to invoke Article 99 of the Charter and call for an urgent meeting of the Council at the Foreign Minister level focused on halting the hostilities and preventing further escalation;
- The **President of the UN General Assembly** should take the initiative to convene the General Assembly on an urgent basis, under the Uniting for Peace mechanism or other innovative means, to address all aspects of the crisis;
- The **UN Secretary-General** should launch an urgent diplomatic initiative within the framework of Article 33, Chapter VI of the UN Charter pertaining to the peaceful settlement of disputes, including through his high-level UN Personal Envoy, to spearhead mediation efforts with all parties affected by the conflict, in coordination with relevant international and regional actors;
- Beyond immediate crisis management, preparations should begin for a Comprehensive Middle East Peace and Security Conference under UN auspices, involving all parties affected by the conflict. We recall Security Council resolution 598 (1987) mandating such a process, which is long overdue and should be set in motion.

The world looks to the United Nations not only to respond to conflict, but to prevent it from spiraling into catastrophe. The current trajectory of the hostilities in the Middle East demands urgent, coordinated, and sustained diplomatic engagement by the United Nations. We also welcome other diplomatic efforts currently underway to de-escalate the situation. The Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly (UNCPGA) stands fully ready to support all diplomatic efforts to resolve this crisis as soon as possible.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurance of our highest consideration.



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