



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

UNCPGA Press Release

The Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly (UNCPGA), expresses grave concern at the outbreak of military hostilities between the United States, Israel, and the Islamic Republic of Iran and condemns the use of force by all parties to the conflict, and its serious impact on the neighboring countries across the Middle East region. This is a flagrant violation of the United Nations Charter and international law and poses a grave threat to international peace and security.

The United Nations Charter clearly prohibits “the threat or the use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.” All parties to the conflict must fulfill their obligations under international law, especially the United Nations Charter. The Council further reiterates the principle of self-determination enshrined in Article 1 (2) of the United Nations Charter, which establishes the right of all peoples to freely determine their political status and pursue their political, economic, social, and cultural development without external interference.

The Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly calls for an urgent de-escalation of the conflict and an immediate cessation of hostilities, which poses grave consequences for regional stability and the lives of millions of people across the Middle East region. It strongly urges all parties to immediately return to the negotiating table under the auspices of the United Nations, and to peacefully resolve their differences through diplomatic means in accordance with the relevant provisions of the United Nations Charter.

The Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly calls on the UN Security Council to fulfill its obligations for the maintenance of international peace and security, and to urgently take the necessary actions to ensure an immediate cessation of hostilities. It also calls upon the President of the UN General Assembly to consider the convening of an Emergency Special Session of the UN General Assembly to address the crisis in all its aspects. It further calls on the UN Secretary-General to utilize his Good Offices to facilitate a peaceful resolution of the conflict as soon as possible. It expresses its full readiness to support all efforts by the United Nations to this end.

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