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Statement on Israeli War in Gaza

The affiliated members of the Center for Peace Studies decry:

- 1. the ongoing indiscriminate and excessive Israeli Defense Force bombardment and military ground operations in Gaza,
- 2. the manifest ethnic cleansing of Palestinian civilians in Gaza and associated attacks on Palestinian civilians in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, all of which manifest acts of genocide in violation of international law,
- 3. the Israeli Defense Force's abuse of the so-called "collateral damage" criterion as a warrant for foreseen and accepted murder of thousands of innocent Palestinians in Gaza, including women and children, all of which amount to war crimes,
- 4. the ongoing destruction of Palestinian homes, schools, hospitals, mosques, churches, and public infrastructure throughout Gaza with its consequence of massive displacement of Palestinians,
- 5. the ongoing siege of Gaza denying the Palestinian people essential humanitarian aid in the supply of food, water, fuel, temporary housing materials, emergency medical care, and hospital services,
- 6. the failure of the United Nations Security Council to pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and to implement directed and effective peacekeeping measures in Gaza.

We call for the international diplomatic community to take expedited steps to negotiate a permanent ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in the interest of peace and security in the region.

We call, furthermore, for all governments that are prepared to do so to commit to a plan of reconstruction of Gaza for the return of displaced Palestinians to their legitimate homeland with international recognition of their human, political, social, economic, cultural, and religious rights throughout the Occupied Territories.

We call, finally, for an end to the Israeli government's policies and practices of apartheid throughout the Occupied Territories and a bona fide commitment to a negotiated two-state solution to the protracted Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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