

Joint Two-State Coalition Statement

An urgent appeal to the international community on the current Israeli-Palestinian violence

We, a coalition of 25 Israeli and Palestinian civil society organizations, express our gravest concern over the current violent escalation and forcefully condemn the killing of innocent civilians on both sides. No child deserves to be collateral damage. We call on the international community to continue working to end this cycle of suffering that has already cost us too much; to support humanitarian efforts in the Gaza Strip both for rehabilitation and reconstruction; and to actively recommit to renewing steps towards a genuine political process that will bring peace.

We will not settle for the false "stability" of the status quo. Without concrete and realistic progress through a political process, these outbreaks of violence will continue to consume us and can only result in more victims, trauma and despair.

We, the Two-State Coalition, reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the only viable and realistic solution to end the conflict with the 1967 borders as the basis for the emerging Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, living side by side in peace and security with the State of Israel. We call upon your esteemed office/country to act now to help broker an immediate ceasefire and, following this, to urge the two legitimate leaderships of both nations to engage in serious talks towards reaching a negotiated settlement to end all hostilities.

A ceasefire will prevent continued and immediate loss of life now, but only the two-state solution will secure a long-term peaceful future for all of us.

***The Two-State Coalition is a group of 25 Palestinian and Israeli civil society organizations formed by the Geneva Initiative, who have been engaged in collective action for the past three years to advance the two-state solution.**