



Uniting for a Shared Future: A Common Ground Charter

We are a diverse group of Palestinians, Israelis, and other concerned parties. We work in peacebuilding, the law, human rights, and environmental conservation, in business and trade unions, in politics and government, in faith communities, journalism, media and the arts, and in defence and security roles. Although we have all experienced this conflict in different ways and from different sides, **we share in** each other's pain and sorrow – for the loss of our friends, our loved ones, our homes, and our right to live in dignity and freedom.

The situation in which communities experience insecurity, occupation, inter-generational trauma – and recognizing that different communities are affected differently – is intolerable for all sides and cannot remain untransformed.

Out of concern and fear at the escalation of this long-standing conflict, we are more determined than ever to hold on to our hopes for a safe, dignified, fulfilling life for all our young. We believe we can find empathy with all those touched by this war, build bridges, and join together, united in our hopes to chart a practicable course towards a better future.

And **we are united by a common purpose** to promote a shared future in Israel-Palestine founded on principles of mutual recognition and acknowledgement, dignity and equality, security and safety, agency and inclusion, and trust through healing.

We recognize the common ground between us, and we believe the peaceful future we all need should reflect and realise these common, interdependent, and indivisible principles:

Mutual recognition and acknowledgement – Of the right to self-determination, statehood, and independence; and of the attachment and connection of both peoples to the land and the role it plays in their faiths, histories, and narratives.

Dignity and equality – Where all people have the opportunity to live a life of dignity, and have fair access to livelihoods, land, justice, resources, and services, freed from the constraints of mutual fear, imbalances of power and status, and unequal rights.

Security and safety – Where not only do the warfare and bloodshed end but where people's rights to live free from fear are mutually supported and guaranteed with a security approach that safeguards people's lives while upholding their rights.

Agency and inclusion – Where all those willing to explore paths towards a shared, non-violent future – including those who are often excluded, women, those with diverse views, and young people – are able to play a substantial role in shaping a just, legitimate, and sustainable peace.

Trust through healing – Diligently pursuing ways to empathise with and rehumanise one another, and to acknowledge, and where possible address and reconcile, the injustices, grievances and fears that hold us back – so that future generations can be free to live as closely and cooperatively as they choose.

Reaching enduring peace will only be possible when we achieve wide public support and build a shared narrative about what all stand to gain through support for our shared future; and we must build the broadest possible coalition of communities and leaders to craft and support a process towards peace reflecting these principles and putting it into practice.

We know that reaching this peaceful future may require us to engage those who have resorted to violence, or who benefit from its perpetuation, to allow or embrace change. We believe that it is right to explore dialogue with all those who would consider renouncing violence if there were a path to realise the above principles.

Our commitment is to work together to achieve this – with full urgency as well as patience, perseverance and understanding – and we invite others to join us.



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