

Manifesto initiative of Multi-party MEPs' for Peace in the Middle East

European parliamentarians call on EU institutions and Member States to work for the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Words are no longer enough. We will never tire from insisting that this past century of conflict can have no other solution than through the creation of a Palestinian state, living in peace alongside Israel.

Now that the Arab countries, the European Union and the United States are all returning to the two-state solution, in accordance with international resolutions, we Europeans must work on a resumption of negotiations and strive towards their success.

We owe it because the people of these two countries have already suffered too many battles.

We owe it because this war thwarts our efforts for co-development between the two shores of the Mediterranean, and because the Union has a strategic interest in stability and peace in the Middle East.

Peace is a necessity for us all.

Everything therefore requires us to work, without further delay, towards what the European Union, the Arab League and the United States are calling for: the coming together of the Israelis and Palestinians in a resumption upon the path to peace.

Everything requires us to express our willingness to contribute in the coming days to the security of Israel and Palestine, to foster economic relations with these two friendly countries and to associate them within the regional action of our Union.

Everything requires us to promote a just and lasting settlement, to restore the credibility of peace within internationally recognized borders and to revive hope. But that is not all.

We must establish control mechanisms to monitor our agreements with both sides - and rethink our trade and support ties with Israel and Palestine if negotiations are not begun and the spirit of compromise does not prevail.

Because we want peace, let us give ourselves the means to achieve it.

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