

European Youth Forum Resolution

Save the Middle East peace process!

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Deeply concerned about the recent escalation of violence in Israel and the occupied Palestinian areas, where a large number of children and unarmed civilians have been killed and injured, the overwhelming majority (all but five) of the more than 130 killed and over 4,000 injured being Palestinians and Palestinian Israeli citizens,

Strongly disappointed that the Middle East peace process, which was initiated through the Oslo Channel, seems to have lost all momentum and is in danger of being altogether deserted,

Profoundly convinced that continued negotiations between the Israeli and Palestinian governments, based on mutual recognition and on an equal basis, is the only way forward towards peace and co-existence in the region,

The General Assembly of the European Youth Forum:

1. Supports the UN resolution adopted by the General Assembly on the 20th October 2000 condemning 'the act of violence, especially the excessive use of force by the Israeli forces against Palestinians' and condemning the presence of the Israeli settlements, defined as 'illegal' and 'an obstacle to peace' in the UN resolution.
2. Condemns the killing and wounding of children and unarmed civilians in the current conflict and demands a stop to these acts, which are contrary to the spirit of Geneva conventions,
3. Demands that both the Israeli and Palestinians to their utmost put an end to all hostilities,
4. Urges the Israeli government to respect the rights of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent in the conflict, to stop the attacks on their

vehicles, and that military forces actively co-operate with these organisations to provide humanitarian assistance to the victims of the conflict,

5. Demands that both sides refrain from provocative actions that might endanger the peace process,
6. Urges the media to promote tolerance and mutual respect rather than incite fear and hatred,
7. Urges both the Israeli and Palestinian governments to return to the negotiation table to rescue the peace process to respect earlier agreements, and negotiate a final agreement based on UN Resolutions 242 and 338, and respecting the right of self-determination for the Palestinian people as well as the right of Israel to exist.