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Progressive Alliance Statement: Political Solutions for a Just Peace in Palestine and the Middle East

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Recalling the Progressive Alliance's *Principles and Framework for Peace in Palestine and the Middle East* (Santiago, 6 October 2024), we reaffirm an immediate ceasefire, the protection of civilians, and safe and unhindered humanitarian aid and reconstruction in Gaza. We reject any forced displacement and reaffirm our commitment to a political path under international law toward a two-state solution on the June 4, 1967 borders, with Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Palestine and the West Bank and Gaza as a single territorial unit.

The world is seeing the unacceptable humanitarian crisis and escalation of the security situation in the Middle East. The hope for peaceful co-existence of peoples in the region compels us to unite in principled, coordinated action. As progressives, we commit to political solutions to these worsening conflicts and extend our hand in respect and cooperation to realize a peaceful and just path forward. We express deep concern and demand immediate, unimpeded action in response to the UN declaration of famine in Gaza. We likewise support the stand of different countries against displacement and a coordinated, inclusive plan for Gaza's reconstruction.

To translate these commitments into action, we set forth these priorities for coordinated political, legal, and economic measures.

Stop the War

- Mandate an immediate, unconditional ceasefire and end the mass killing and starvation in Gaza in complete adherence with the ICJ's ruling on provisional measures (26 January 2024) in the ongoing case before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the "Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip" (South Africa v Israel), brought on 29 December 2023. We call for the unconditional release of hostages and full compliance with international humanitarian law.
- Stop arming the war by ending weapons transfers and sales for operations that are in breach of international law.



- Apply effective international pressure including through trade and economic measures on Israel until international law is upheld.

Pave the Way for Just Peace

- Implement International Court of Justice rulings related to ending the Israeli occupation and cooperate with the International Criminal Court, including on the enforcement of arrest warrants.
- Uphold UN decisions and pursue appropriate measures within the UN in response to the Israeli persistent non-compliance, including steps to ensure implementation of UNGA Resolution 194 on the right of return.
- Condemn efforts to block Palestinian representation at the

UN—including the U.S. administration's bar on President Mahmoud Abbas and his delegation in breach of the UN Headquarters Agreement.

Recognize Palestine

- Advance and take steps towards the recognition of the State of Palestine within the 1967 borders, with Jerusalem as capital, support Palestine's membership to the UN, acknowledge the occupation status, and guarantee refugees' right of return.
- Welcome the New York Declaration on the peaceful settlement of the Question of Palestine and the implementation of the two-state solution; and welcome announcements by states that advance recognition of the State of Palestine.

Respect Kurdish and Arab Sovereignty

De-escalate tensions in Lebanon through full respect for Lebanese sovereignty and the withdrawal of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon, with a verified ceasefire and full implementation of existing UN resolutions.

- Respect Syria's sovereignty by ending violations, withdrawing from occupied Syrian territory in line with UN Security Council decisions, and safeguarding Syria's unity and territorial integrity.
- Advance durable peace by addressing the Kurdish question through rights-based, democratic solutions grounded in equality and inclusive dialogue.

At this crossroads, we unite democratic movements behind political solutions that end conflict and protect civilians. Guided by our Santiago Peace Framework, we commit to turning



these steps into real protections for people—through sustained partnership, principled diplomacy, and coordinated action across our network. We call on all who share these aims to use all available diplomatic, legal and economic instruments toward securing just peace.