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Signatories
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Palestinian
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Archbishop
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Melkite Archbishop,
Archbishop
Boutrous Mu'alem*

In the name of God
who is Almighty,
Merciful and
Compassionate, we,
who have gathered
as religious leaders
from the Muslim,
Christian and
Jewish
communities, pray
for true peace in
Jerusalem and the
Holy Land, and
declare our
commitment to
ending the violence
and bloodshed that
denies the right of
life and dignity.

According to our
faith traditions,
killing innocents in
the name of God is
a desecration of His
Holy Name, and
defames religion in
the world. The
violence in the Holy
Land is an evil,
which must be
opposed by all
people of good faith.
We seek to live
together as
neighbors
respecting the
integrity of each
other's historical
and religious

inheritance. We call upon all to oppose incitement, hatred and misrepresentation of the other

1. The Holy Land is holy to all three of our faiths. Therefore, followers of the divine religions must respect its sanctity, and bloodshed must not be allowed to pollute it. The sanctity and integrity of the holy places must be preserved, and freedom of religious worship must be ensured for all.

2. Palestinians and Israelis must respect the divinely ordained purposes of the Creator by whose grace they live in the same land that is called holy.

3. We call on the political leaders of both peoples to work for a just, secure and durable solution in the spirit of the words of the Almighty and the Prophets.

4. As a first step now, we call for a religiously sanctioned cease-fire, respected and observed on all sides, and for the implementation of the Mitchell and

Tenet
recommendations,
including the lifting
of restrictions and
return to
negotiations.

5. We seek to help
create an
atmosphere where
present and future
generations will co-
exist with mutual
respect and trust in
the other. We call
on all to refrain from
incitement and
demonization, and
to educate our
future generations
accordingly.

6. As religious
leaders, we pledge
ourselves to
continue a joint
quest for a just
peace that leads to
reconciliation in
Jerusalem and the
Holy Land, for the
common good of all
our peoples.

7. We announce the
establishment of a
permanent joint
committee to carry
out the
recommendations of
this declaration, and
to engage with our
respective political
leadership
accordingly.