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Israel-Palestine Action Plan

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Organize to reverse the downward spiral of violence, misery, and military conflict in the Middle East, especially in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict (modified from Interfaith Communities United in Peace and Justice (ICUJP) Statement, January 2009).

- Allow independent human rights investigators to carefully examine all allegations of violations of international law, whether by Hamas, other Palestinian organizations, the Israeli government, or non-governmental Israeli organizations. Where investigators conclude that potential violations took place, such as both sides in the recent Gaza conflict, indictments should be made and trials held before the International Court of Justice at The Hague.
- Cease all arms sales and transfers to the region by outside military powers. This should include WWII vintage rockets smuggled into Gaza through desert caravans and tunnels, as well as \$55 billion worth of state-of-the-art U.S. military hardware and munitions being furnished to U.S.-friendly Arab countries and to Israel.
- Require all existing and aspiring nuclear powers in the Middle East, specifically Iran, Pakistan, and Israel, to sign the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty (NPT), and by terms of the treaty to open their borders to unrestricted inspections by the International Atomic Energy Commission. One of the last things which the Middle East needs is a nuclear arms race on top of the current conventional arms race.
- Require all U.S. arms sales to the region to comply with the U.S. laws, including:
 - **Arms Export Control Act** (P.L.80-829): Weapons use limited to “internal security” and “legitimate self-defense” only.
 - **Foreign Assistance Act** (P.L.97-195): “No assistance may be provided...[to] any country which engages in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights.”
 - **“Leahy Law”** (Foreign Ops Appropriations Act): No aid to “any unit of the security forces of a foreign country if the Secretary of State has credible evidence that such unit has committed gross violations of human rights.”

If U.S.-supplied military equipment and/or munitions are used in violation of human rights or in an aggressive war of to commit war crimes, such exports should stop, and all violations should be publicly investigated by Congress.

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