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Press Release: Churches for Middle East Peace Calls for

Immediate End to Violence, Return to Peace Talks

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Churches for Middle East Peace expresses deep sorrow and distress about the acts of deadly violence that have broken out in the past few days in Gaza and southern Israel. We urge all parties involved to end violent actions and to work with regional allies to achieve an immediate ceasefire.

CMEP is deeply saddened by the human cost and loss of life in Gaza and southern Israel. We extend our prayers to all those who mourn and to the many living in fear for their own safety and the safety of those whom they love.

This senseless, chronic cycle of violence must stop. It is debilitating and dangerous and contributes to regional insecurity. Churches for Middle East Peace calls on the international community, led by the newly re-elected U.S. administration, to undertake urgently a major new effort with Israeli and Palestinian leaders to bring a change in the poisonous status quo and create conditions for a just, durable and comprehensive peace.