

## MINNESOTA ALLIANCE OF PEACEMAKERS (MAP) RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN LEBANON, ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

Profoundly concerned by the gravity of the current strife in the area encompassing Lebanon, Israel, and Palestine (both the West Bank and Gaza) and convinced that enduring peace cannot be achieved through war, the Delegate Council of the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP), in conformity with its Guiding Principles, as cited below, urgently calls on the government of the United States, other concerned governments in the region, and the United Nations to work for speedy achievement of the following objectives:

- a) an unconditional cease fire in Lebanon, Israel and the Gaza Strip;
- b) provision of emergency humanitarian assistance to needy civilian populations and of essential repairs to the infrastructure rendered unusable by the current conflict;
- c) immediate and verifiable cessation, from whatever source, of all shipments of arms and military equipment to the region.
- d) exchange of all prisoners currently held by Hezbollah, Israel and the Palestinian Authority;
- e) withdrawal of all Israeli forces from Lebanon and Gaza and their replacement in areas adjacent to Israel by a robust United Nations peacekeeping mission or by other neutral peacekeepers, subject to UN approval, for as long as circumstances may warrant.

Additionally, convinced that there can be no enduring peace without justice, the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers calls for a high-level, impartial, UN-sponsored panel to consider the manifold causes and consequences of hostility between Israel and its Palestinian and other Arab neighbors and to recommend measures for promoting justice for all people in the region to the maximum feasible extent. Being further convinced that the vigorous promotion of justice will ultimately be much less costly than an indefinitely long prolongation of hostility, we urge the United States and others in the international community to commit the financial, technical and personnel resources needed to ensure a just, viable and durable peace in the region.

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This resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Council of the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers at its meeting of August 8, 2006. The Alliance is composed of sixty-seven member organizations committed to the advancement of peace, justice and global sustainability ([www.mapm.org](http://www.mapm.org) for list of members.) Participants in MAP organizations include thousands of concerned citizen activists.

**Relevant Guiding Principles:** (all Guiding Principles of MAP can be found at [www.mapm.org](http://www.mapm.org) )

1. **The Primacy of Justice.** *Enduring peace requires social and economic justice at all levels of human interaction, ... global, national [and] ... local.*
2. **A World Based on Law rather than Force.** *Social organization at any level must be based on the force of law, not the law of force.*
3. **Disarmament and Conflict Resolution.** *The enormous waste of the world's resources on weapons and militarization must cease. All forms of peaceful conflict resolution are to be supported.*
4. **Support for the U.N. System.** *The United Nations provides a necessary institutional framework for nations to work together to avoid conflict and seek peace and justice.....*
8. **Fundamental Human Rights.** *All human beings are entitled to fundamental civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights.... Persons who have been denied fundamental rights, no matter what the circumstances, deserve special concern.*
9. **Responsibility and Accountability.** *The enjoyment of rights implies the acceptance of responsibility and accountability, whether by individuals, governments, religious groups, ... or any other human institution.*