

extremely high and continue to rise. In the current context, we continue seeing hateful and inciteful language becoming normalized in the public space, including in demonstrations, by public figures and anonymous citizens alike, in the region and globally. Efforts for decades to reduce and counter Anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim bigotry are being eroded in weeks and months, and manifestations of both are now dangerously on the rise. Yet, the common bonds of respect, peace, justice, and compassion, continue to inspire peacebuilders in the region and across the world to build long-lasting solutions in a land for which conflict can and must become a distant memory. Peacebuilders' space must be expanded, and their voices strengthened.

The land that holds historical and religious connections for Jews across the world, the spiritual center of the Muslim faith and the cradle of Christianity can become a clarion for peace not only in the immediate region but in the entire world. Many peace champions are working silently and tirelessly to make this vision a reality. All support must be rendered to them in their efforts to attain such noble aim. This war, together with its attendant suffering, needs to end, and needs to end now.

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