**Resolution in Support of Democracy and Stability in the Middle East**

The Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) reaffirms its commitment to democratic values in the Middle East and its dedication to promoting regional peace. Recognizing the persistent threats posed by extremist groups, the IDC-CDI resolves as follows:

* **Expresses its full support for Israel’s right to self-defense as a sovereign and democratic state.** Israel continues to face significant security challenges from terrorist organizations that seek to undermine peace and stability. The IDC-CDI firmly supports Israel's right to protect its citizens and territory in accordance with international law.
* **Condemns the support provided to terrorist groups by external actors seeking to destabilize the region.** Financial, logistical, and military assistance to extremist organizations enables violent attacks that harm both Israeli civilians and broader prospects for peace. Iran, as the principal state sponsor, supporting groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah, directly undermines efforts to achieve peace and regional stability. The IDC-CDI opposes these destabilizing tactics, which directly impact innocent civilians.
* **Reaffirms its commitment to the protection of civilian lives and democratic principles in all conflict situations.** The IDC-CDI condemns attacks on civilians and opposes the exploitation of human lives as tools of war, which constitutes a violation of fundamental humanitarian principles.
* **Demands the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.** The IDC-CDI strongly opposes hostage-taking, emphasizing it as a grave violation of international law, and calls for the safe return of all innocent individuals held captive.
* **Reaffirms the importance of Israel as a democratic ally in the Middle East and encourages democracies worldwide to support Israel’s right to security and stability in accordance with international law.** The IDC-CDI emphasizes the need for a united front against terrorism and extremism that threaten democratic societies.
* **Calls for renewed efforts toward a two-state solution as a vital path to a just and lasting resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.** The IDC-CDI urges all parties to work towards this goal through peaceful means, free from interference by actors like Iran, whose support for violence undermines genuine dialogue.
* **Expresses solidarity with all victims of terrorism and violence in the region.** The IDC-CDI stands with those affected by the ongoing conflict and is committed to continuing support for policies that prioritize security, dignity, and democratic freedoms for all people in the Middle East.

The IDC-CDI remains committed to promoting regional stability and fostering democracy and peace in the Middle East. We call on the international community to recognize the urgent need for stability and security in the region.

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