



## Statement on the Middle East War by the United Nations Association of the USA, Minnesota Chapter

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The military action in the Middle East has brought with growing human suffering, economic devastation, and the risk of what UN Secretary-General António Guterres warned could ignite “a chain of events that no one can control in the most volatile region of the world.”

Article Two of the [UN Charter](#) states that all Member States “shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State,” and that international law and international humanitarian law must always be respected.

This article has been violated.

The United Nations Association Minnesota Chapter urges the leaders of the United States, Israel, and Iran to act within accordance with the UN Charter they have agreed to and implement an immediate ceasefire followed by diplomatic negotiations to resolve their differences.

The current path is showing signs of enormous death and destruction not only to Iran and Lebanon, but to Israel, the region, and the U.S.

A different path must be taken in order to prevent further escalations and the active participation of other world powers.

We call on all United Nations Member States to step forward and assert their influence by having the parties involved return to the negotiating table.

References:

United Nations Charter: <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/full-text>

Universal Declaration of Human Rights: <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>