

JOINT STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY AGAINST MILITARY AGGRESSION TOWARD IRAN

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We, a coalition of progressive Forces, Trade Unions, Youth and Women's movements, faith-based justice networks, Scholar-activists, Pan-African and Afro-diasporic organizations, and community formations across Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, North America, and Europe and Asia, We do not speak with one ideological voice; we do not share one analysis of the Iranian state, its politics, or the historical conduct of the United States in the middle east.

But we share something more foundational: a commitment to human dignity, popular sovereignty, democratic self-determination, and the illegal war imposed by the United States and Israel on Iran, assassinating the Supreme Leader, the kidnapping of Venezuelan President and illegal blockade of Cuba, alongside unresolved democratic fractures within the United States itself, have converged into a single global question: will power be restrained by law, or will law be bent to legitimize power?

This joint paper is issued in that moment of convergence, denouncing the attack on sovereignty by the United States and Israel.

Where We Disagree (and Still Stand Together)

We state our differences openly, because unity built on silence is neither durable nor honest. Majority among us hold that any external armed action against Iran, regardless of justification, constitutes an impermissible violation of sovereignty and a dangerous precedent for the Global South. Others among us even hold that Iran should protect its population's right to peaceful protests. Some among us reject sanctions categorically as collective punishment; others argue that multilateral measures, short of military force may be lawful if genuinely designed to protect civilians.

Yet across these disagreements, we share non-negotiable red lines: No conquest disguised as rescue. No repression disguised as order. No collective punishment disguised as policy. No impunity disguised as stability.

What We Agree On: Principles That Do Not Change with Flags

The Prohibition on the Use of Force Is Not Optional

The rule prohibiting the use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of states is a cornerstone of the international system.

Popular Sovereignty Belongs to Peoples, Not Patrons

Iran's political future must be determined by Irans themselves, not through coercion, assassination politics, or externally imposed transitions.

Unilateral Coercive Measures That Deepen Suffering Violate the Moral Core of Law

Sanctions that deliberately impair access to food, medicine, finance, or development cannot be reconciled with human rights obligations.

Democracies Cannot Export What They Will Not Protect at Home

A state's global credibility is inseparable from its domestic democratic conduct. Democratic inconsistency weakens moral authority and corrodes the legitimacy of external action.

Guided by International Law and solidarity among nations, We call for the following immediate and practical steps:

- Condemn unequivocally the military aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- Urge the United Nations Security Council to convene an emergency session and initiate independent investigation into the legality of the attack.
- Immediate de-escalation and cessation of further military actions or threats against the state of Iran and its people.
- Civilian protection guarantees, with immediate call to stop the bombing of Iranian Children and civilian areas.
- Urge the protection of Iranian sovereignty
- Cessation of sanctions and economic measures aimed at creating suffering to the population by rejecting the weaponisation of economic sanctions, blockades and financial exclusion as tools of coercion and collective punishment.
- Support diplomatic pathways and multilateral negotiations that respect sovereign rights and seek peaceful resolution.
- Mobilise broad public protests, forums, and educational campaigns to expose the human cost of unilateral military intervention.

Our position is grounded in the widest body of international and regional commitments, including but not limited to the UN Charter (sovereign equality, non-use of force, non-intervention, self-determination), the Declaration on Friendly Relations (1970), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the ICCPR and ICESCR, the Geneva Conventions Rome Statute of the ICC, UN and OHCHR frameworks addressing the human-rights impact of unilateral coercive measures,

We affirm that peace cannot be achieved through airstrikes or military intimidation. Sustainable peace requires dialogue, mutual recognition, and adherence to international norms.

The people of the world must not bear the cost of geopolitical rivalry expressed through armed force. War against Iran is War against all Free peoples of the world. It is a global economic risk, a humanitarian threat, and a direct challenge to the international legal order.

We are witnessing this aggression today in Venezuela, Iran and many other places, but who will be next? If we fail to unite against this threat now, no country, whether it ours, or others, will be safe tomorrow

Stop the War on Iran. Uphold International Law. Defend the Rights of All Peoples.

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Union of the Populations of Cameroon – National Manifesto for the Establishment of
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