## **HWPL Calls for Peace Amid Rising Tensions Between Israel and Iran**

**Washington, D.C, District of Columbia May 13, 2024 (Issuewire.com)** - Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL), a United Nations-affiliated organization dedicated to fostering peace through civilian-led initiatives, has issued a statement in response to the escalating conflict between Israel and Iran.

The statement says, "The recent violent conflict between Iran and Israel is causing significant concerns in the international community. The two nations that do not share borders are mobilizing high-end weaponry to attack each other and kill human lives."

The statement highlighted, "It is a clear indication that the greatest victims of war are innocent civilians. How could those lost lives ever be brought back? What could compensate for the outcry of children and the anguish of the youth in devastated dwellings?"

HWPL has urged the international community to take decisive measures to address the conflict, advocating for the establishment of comprehensive international laws to safeguard peace for future generations.

It has been reported that Iran and its militant partners on April 13 initiated a large-scale attack against Israel by launching several hundred ballistic missiles and drones. The international society expressed concerns over the possibility of war between the two states since Tehran's direct attack on Israel was unprecedented. Experts pointed out that this attack was Iran's response to an airstrike on the Iranian embassy in Syria on April 1, which killed seven military advisers including three senior commanders.

On April 18th, the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations from 48 states including the United States, Australia, Austria, Croatia, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Korea, Romania, and Ukraine issued a joint statement condemning Iran's attack on Israel.

"HWPL remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering dialogue and reconciliation, offering hope for a peaceful resolution to the conflict between Israel and Iran," an HWPL official said.

About HWPL: Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting peace through various initiatives, including dialogue, education, and advocacy. With a global network spanning over 170 countries, HWPL works to build bridges of understanding and cooperation, striving towards a world free from conflict and violence.

## **HWPL Statement on Israel-Iran Conflict**

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On 1 April 2024, the Israeli military attacked the Iranian consulate in Syria. A strike against a non-military facility in a third nation, a nation not directly involved in the conflict, infringes international law and constitutes a war crime. Moreover, on 13 April, Iran responded by attacking Israel's land. Both

nations have pointed their guns directly at each other, and there are growing concerns in the international community that the attacks could escalate into another war.

The Israel-Hamas War in Gaza has killed 30,000 since last year, and news outlets reported on dire situations in Gaza, running out of space for proper burial. The war that has persisted in the region over the past century continuously overshadows the prospect of the coexistence of the human race. It is a clear indication that the greatest victims of war are innocent civilians. How could those lost lives ever be brought back? What could compensate for the outcry of children and the anguish of the youth in devastated dwellings?

HWPL strongly supports the voices of the citizens, the true protagonists of the global village, who oppose war and call for peace. All nations of the global community must uphold the citizens' demands, thereby ceasing the unjust war and joining to accomplish peace. Organizations worldwide, in alliance with HWPL as peace solidarity, urge Iran and Israel to put a stop to the acts of aggression immediately and to come forward for conversations to usher in peace.

We recommend that the international community take necessary measures to facilitate the formation of amicable relations between the two nations and provide humanitarian aid. It would be reasonable for all countries to support an international legal instrument for peace that embodies the long-yearned path to peace and to comply with its contents so that we leave a legacy of peace for future generations. HWPL will not spare its efforts for peace and cessation of wars.

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