

The Victoria Platform for Peace Between Israelis and Palestinians

We, the undersigned, come together under the banner of unity to support a "big tent" initiative for equality, co-existence, and peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Regardless of our backgrounds or beliefs, we stand united in our commitment to the following actions:

1. Immediate End to the Targeting of Civilians in Both Israel and Gaza

We unequivocally condemn the targeting of civilians in Israel and Gaza and call for an immediate end to acts of terror and the disregard for civilian lives in reprisals and bombing raids. We firmly believe that all actions should be taken to prevent harm to civilians and to safeguard their well-being.

2. Immediate Ceasefire for the Sake of Gazan Civilians

We call for an immediate ceasefire to end the unfolding humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza. We condemn the collective punishment of the entire Gazan population for the crimes of Hamas.

3. Safe Return of Israeli Hostages

We call for the safe return of all Israeli hostages. Every individual's life is of equal value, and the safe release of hostages is a matter of utmost importance.

4. Immediate Provision of Humanitarian Aid to Gazans

We demand the immediate and unobstructed provision of humanitarian aid to Gazan civilians who have been devastated by the conflict. Aid must include essential supplies such as water, food, and medicines.

5. End to Israeli Occupation

We call for an immediate end to the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories. Both Israelis and Palestinians have the right to live in safety, equality, and this can only be achieved through a just resolution of the conflict that respects the Palestinians' need for an autonomous and sovereign nation.

6. End to Unjust Imprisonment

Palestinians held in "administrative detention" by Israel without trial should be tried or released, and lengthy prison sentences should be reviewed by the International Court of Justice.

7. New Leadership in Israel

We appeal to Israelis to democratically elect a new government that is not beholden to settlers and right-wing extremists unwilling to seek peace with their Palestinian neighbours.

8. Departure of Hamas and Creation of an International Peace Force

We call for the departure of Hamas from Gaza and the deployment of an international peace force to ensure the safety of all residents until long overdue democratic elections can be held.

9. Rejecting Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and Identity-based Hatred

We reject all forms of identity-based hatred, including antisemitism and Islamophobia. We also oppose the wrongful conflation of antisemitism with any criticism of Israel or its policies. We commit to fostering an environment free from prejudice and to working toward a more egalitarian future.

We reject the idea that the historical narratives and needs of Israelis and Palestinians are tragically irreconcilable. We recognise instead the urgent need for both peoples to work together, with the support of the international community, to build a peaceful and livable future for all. We invite individuals and organisations from all walks of life to join us in a collective endeavour to bring about a more hopeful future for the region.