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Declaration on the Israeli – Palestinian Conflict

The Junge Union holds new initiatives to bring back Israelis and Palestinians into negotiations for indispensable, even if the responsibility for securing peace lies on the two parties.

The Junge Union fears, that Israel`s indiscriminate killings of Palestinian civilians and the systematic destruction of infrastructure additionally incite the Palestinian terror against Israeli civilians, as the Palestinian suicide attacks provoke ever new counter reactions of the Israeli army.

We believe, that without the recognition of Israel`s right of existence by the Palestinian Authority and the Arab and Muslim states, peace will remain only an illusion.

We hold the right of the Palestinian people in the Middle East to establish their own independent State of Palestine for inalienable.

Considering that animosities in the region are of special concern to Israel, that the peace initiative of Crown Prince Abdallah Ben Abdel Aziz of Saudi Arabia can be very important for the future of the region and that justice demands the full respect of the rule of law, including UN resolutions, the Junge Union demands the following:

- The international community must bring all necessary pressure to bear on the two sides to negotiate a lasting peace, and failing that, must impose a solution on the two parties, using all diplomatic and economic means necessary. This solution should include the withdrawal of Israeli settlers from beyond the 1967 lines, compensation for Palestinians who will not be allowed to return to their homes within Israel, the democratization and demilitarization of the Palestinians, and provision for security arrangements beyond Israeli borders, and provisions for access to fresh water.
- We expect the EU to put pressure on both sides to accept peace keeping forces with a mandate for self defence, ensuring a cease fire between Israelis and Palestinians and protecting religious sites.
- We demand from all Arab and Muslim States to immediately recognize the State of Israel and to recognize its right to exist within the 1967 borders and expect that the governments of these States influence their populations to accept this right of existence.
- We call both parties to the conflict to propose a solution for Jerusalem, including the possibility of a UN administration.