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JCRC Statement on Ceasefire Between Israel and Hezbollah

Statement from the JCRC:

San Francisco – Yesterday, Israel's cabinet overwhelmingly accepted the terms of UN Security Council Resolution 1701 that seeks to end the fighting in Lebanon and Israel, which, as the resolution acknowledges, was started by Hezbollah's attack on July 12.

We share the Israeli government's view that UN resolution 1701 is an important step toward ending the violence and creating conditions on the ground in Lebanon that can prevent a return to the unacceptable status quo.

The resolution requires an end to hostilities by Hezbollah and cessation of any offensive measures by Israel. Thus, if attacked, Israel maintains its right of self-defense, which is the obligation of any country to protect itself and its citizens.

Full implementation of the resolution is necessary in order to prevent sowing the seeds for future conflict. This includes disarmament of Hezbollah and all armed groups in Lebanon (as required by UN Security Council Resolution 1559), a halt to all arms transfers except as authorized by the Lebanese government, the securing of a 15 mile buffer zone on the internationally recognized border between Israel and Lebanon by the Lebanese army and a robust UNIFIL force of 15,000 soldiers, and the unconditional release of the two kidnapped Israeli soldiers.

We hope that this war will lead to the decline of Hezbollah's hateful ideology and the death and destruction that inevitably result from it. We look forward to a time of peace on the Israel – Lebanon northern border.

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