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A FRESH APPROACH TO RESOLVING INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT

We, the undersigned, are gravely concerned at the growing conflict involving Iran, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Russia, China, and the United Nations. We call on our Government to use the proven tools of conflict transformation to resolve this situation.

As Earth's climate warms up at an alarming rate, threatening widespread global devastation, humanity faces the biggest challenge to its survival in history. For our children, our children's children and the planet, we must now avoid wasting our precious resources engaging in costly, destructive wars and instead employ well-tried, non-violent methods of resolving conflicts around the world. We can then focus our energy, creativity, wisdom, and prudence on providing for a sustainable, and thus safe and secure, future.

While recognising the efforts of all parties to resolve this dispute through negotiation, we are also aware that frustration at the lack of agreement can lead to increasing polarisation, harsh language and even the extreme violence of military action. As with past conflicts, this is likely to produce a similar result – war, chaos and suffering. We urgently call for a change in the manner in which conflict is dealt with so as to meet the fundamental needs of all humanity for security, mutual respect and justice.

The good news: non-violent conflict resolution is possible and already happening. Indeed, we have within the human family many men and women experienced in successfully facilitating the non-violent resolution of conflict within and between nations and states. We call on our Government to seek immediately their input and action.

It is time to create a world in which we all pursue the non-violent resolution of conflict. The stakes are too high for any other course of action.

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