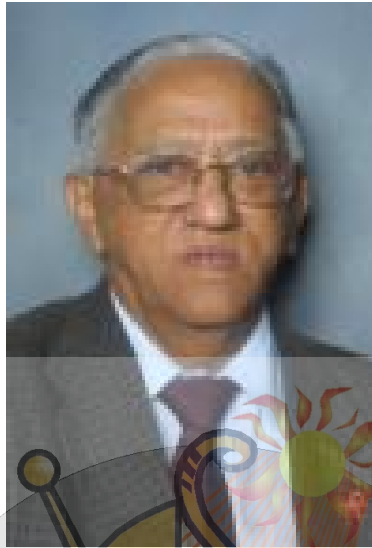


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### STATEMENT ON ISRAEL'S INVASION OF LEBANON.

ICSA RECORDS WITH DEEP REVULSION THE INDISCRIMINATE VIOLATION OF LEBANON'S TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY. THAT THE VENGEFUL NATURE OF THE UNRESTRAINED AGGRESSION SHOULD FALL HEAVILY UPON THE HELPLESS CIVILIAN POPULATION OF A COUNTRY ALREADY DAVASTATED BY ITS INTERNAL UNRESOLVED CONFLICT SITUATION, STARKLY MAGNIFIES THE HEARTLESSNESS OF THE INVASION. THE AWESOME SCALE OF RETRIBUTIVE RETALIATION, WITH PRELIMINARY AVAILABLE FIGURES OF OVER 9,000 DEAD, 13,000 WOUNDED AND 60,000 RENDERED HOMELESS, WIDOWED AND ORPHANED CANNOT BE EXCUSED ON ANY MORAL GROUNDS OF NATIONAL INTEREST, LOGIC OR EXPEDIENCY.

THE FEROCITY OF THE AGGRESSIVE INCURSION, COMING FROM A PEOPLE WHO THEMSELVES HAD SUFFERED DURING THE LAST WORLD WAR AND HAD RECEIVED THE AID, SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF THE WORLD, FOR ITS PLIGHT, IS SHATTERING BEYOND COMPREHENSION AND COMPASSION. NO AMOUNT OF CAMOUFLAGE CAN CONDONE THE RUTHLESS LEVEL OF THE PRESENT ISRAELI ACTION AND THE DESTRUCTION WROUGHT. WE REMAIN UNCONVINCED THAT ANY SHORT TERM GAINS FOR THE INVADER IS A SURE RECIPE FOR A REGIONAL SOLUTION FOR PEACE AND SECURITY. WE SORELY SUBMIT THAT IT WILL MERELY COMPOUND BITTERNESS AND REACTION, WITH ADDED ESCALATION OF ENMITIES FOR THE FUTURE, LEADING TO EVEN GREATER HOSTILITIES AND VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS. THE REVERSED ROLE OF THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE OF BEING THE AGGRIEVED, DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, TO ONE OF AGGRESSOR NOW, IS CLEAR PROOF OF OUR SUBMISSION.

FURTHER, THE WESTERN NATIONS THAT HAVE GIVEN OVERT OR COVERT ENCOURAGEMENT TO ISRAEL IN ITS PRESENT PREMEDITATED OFFENSIVE, LEADING TO INCALCULABLE HUMAN SUFFERING AND GRIEF, MUST SHARE IN THE GUILT AND BLAME.

FINALLY, ICSA CALLS UPON THE MUSLIM UMMAH, AND ALL OTHERS, WHO LOVE THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE TO JOIN IN PRAYER FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO THIS NEEDLESS CARNAGE. ICSA, ALSO CALLS FOR SUPPORT IN MATERIAL KIND, AS A MEANINGFUL ACT OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE AGONIES OF THE PEOPLES OF RAVAGED LEBANON.

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