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The Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law, whose primary mission includes the protection of civilians in armed conflicts and enabling international, humanitarian, and regional organizations to extend a helping hand to all humans on this planet, calls upon the international community, within the framework of Inter-Parliamentary Union meetings, to put pressure on the parties to the conflict in Israel, Lebanon and Gaza to avert the spectre of a full-scale war in the region from which no one would escape.

The escalation of the conflict, the disruption of oil flow from the Mediterranean and the Arabian Gulf to Europe, and the deterioration of the global economy will affect us all. Therefore, we call on everyone to exercise restraint and avoid being dragged into wars.

We call on everyone to respect and ensure respect for international humanitarian law (IHL), which we have all agreed as nations to be bound by. Respect for IHL means that all civilians must be protected and should not be objects of an attack. Obligations under IHL include the humane treatment of detainees and the release of hostages.

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