

Terrible bloody events are taking place in the Middle East. All types of violence must be condemned. But already for too many days, Israel has been overstepping military “selective assassinations”, with many children killed as “collateral effects”...

This disproportionate action should lead Israel to immediately take into account the innocent people affected by, and to avoid further hostility in the Palestinian side.

Even worse, the launching of rockets by Hezbollah, and the “real war” reaction by the Israeli army, destroying and isolating Lebanon lead to the present situation of immense suffering at both sides, with the threat of a widespread armed conflict in the area.

Therefore,

Today, more than ever in the past, it is indispensable and urgent to build up a UN system, with the human, financial and technical resources necessary for the efficient implementation of its mission.

Today, too, more than ever, it is crucial to involve NGOs and representatives of civil society in order to achieve a great mobilization of the peoples both by real and virtual demonstrations:

STOP THE WAR IMMEDIATELY

During a ten-day truce, the minimum elements for understanding and starting formal talks will be established and respected...

No more passivity or indifference!

The future of our children is in your hands!

Federico Mayor

Geneva, 17th July 2006