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To Concerned Voices for Peace:

We are deeply concerned that the current response to the insistence that Iran is on the path to nuclear weapons is creating a volatile, unstable climate that can lead to frightening consequences. We cannot be silent as events unfold.

It is our judgment that the global peace movement must offer a concrete solution based upon historical precedent and experience, a solution that the global movement has adopted years ago, and, in the framework of the United Nations, is recognized as a powerful instrument for peace: a Middle East Nuclear Weapons Free Zone.

We are proposing that we collectively raise this as a logical answer to the issue of nuclear weapons in the Middle East: no country in the area should possess nuclear weapons. This eliminates the position that nuclear weapons are necessary as a deterrent to a potential threat by a neighboring country. This eliminates nuclear weapons borne by warships or other carriers from the area. This allows unfettered inspection of all the signatories. This allows all the States in the area to declare their understanding of the dangers of nuclear weapons to their people.

We are fully aware of the ramifications of such a solution. We are confident that the people of the area welcome this initiative, already in the diplomatic hopper. We cannot allow the situation to continue to ratchet up. The global peace movement has the responsibility to arouse popular support that can move the process forward. We can collectively do it.

Please accept my personal greetings.

Yours in Peace,

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