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POSITION STATEMENT OF THE MILWAUKEE ARAB-JEWISH DIALOGUE GROUP

The members of the Milwaukee Arab-Jewish Dialogue Group fervently hope for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, both between Israel and the Arab countries, and between Israel and the Palestinians. Our commitment is based on the moral values of our common heritage, including loving thy neighbor as thyself, beating swords into plowshares, and seeking the welfare of the city where one lives. Translating these ideals into modern terms, we are committed to the principles that the basis for resolving differences must be non-violence, tolerance, mutual respect, and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Within the current context of conflicts in the Middle East, we apply this approach by strongly supporting direct face-to-face negotiations that permit the principals themselves to develop a mutually acceptable solution (including interim self-government arrangements) and utilizing United Nations resolutions #242 and #338 as the general framework for negotiations. Copies of the above-mentioned documents are attached and incorporated by reference.

Upon the foundation of these mutual understandings we are committed to joint endeavors that promote consensus and cooperation between the two communities both locally and in the Middle East.