ICAPP Statement on Military Escalation in the Middle East
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We, the Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee, express our gravest concern about the recent military escalation in the Middle East. The use of force by the United States and Israel against Iran, and the subsequent retaliation by Iran across the region, undermine international peace and security.

We urge all parties concerned to respect their obligations under international law, including the Charter of the United Nations which clearly prohibits "the threat of the use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations."

We call for an immediate cessation of hostilities and de-escalation and strongly encourage all parties to return immediately to the negotiating table. We believe that there is no viable alternative to the peaceful settlement of international disputes, in full accordance with international law.

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