## **Statement**

## of the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (I.A.O.) regarding the latest events in the Middle East

The Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy (I.A.O.) is following with manifest concern and resentment the latest events in the Middle East.

Lives of simple people are disregarded and become the "means" to achieve self-interested goals and hard pursuits.

The Palestinian people suffers a new hardship, with more bloodshed and more inhuman than ever.

The Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy:

**Expresses** its devastation, disappointment and resentment over the horrible events taking place the last days in this long-suffering area.

**Calls** publicly for immediate discontinuation of bombings against civilians **Recommends** immediate opening-resumption of peace dialogue between involved parties

**Stands** particularly by the side of civilians, elderly people, women and children and in general all those whose life is threatened and property destroyed.

**Calls** the governments of big states, as well as international organizations, to intervene drastically.

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