

**MIDDLE EAST CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS  
CALL FOR A REGIONAL PEACE PROCESS  
Beit Hanina Statement - March 18, 2013**

We, a group of Arab and Israeli civil society activists, call upon the leaders of the International Community and the Middle-East to launch a new regional diplomatic process, in order to break the deadlock in the bilateral negotiations between Israel and Palestine.

We are deeply concerned by the repeated failure of bilateral Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and believe that a regional approach needs to be adopted, under the leadership of the International Community and with the support of the Arab states.

At the core of this new regional process, we envision the Arab Peace Initiative of March 2002 and concurrently, we call for an official Israeli Peace Initiative that accepts it as a basis for regional negotiations, leading to an international conference.

We call upon all leaders to demonstrate courageous leadership for the sake of current and future generations.

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