No More War – We want peace and freedom

We, women activists of Iran are horrified by the escalation of war in the Middle East. The war against the people of Gaza began in retaliation to Hamas attack on 7th October 2023. Six months on, Israel attached a building in Syria killing some high-ranking Iranian military personnel, in retaliation, Iran’s drone and missiles attacked Israel from inside Iran.

The war is not regional any longer and spread to other countries. At least ten countries were involved in the latest escalation—with projectiles fired from Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Yemen and downed by Israel, the US, The UK, France and Jordan. Israel is determined to retaliate. War could engulf the whole world.

This is a dangerous time for peace loving people. We, women activists from Iran, who have experience eight years of the Iran-Iraq war, know too well that war, apart from taking people’s lives, allow despotic regimes to deny people exercise their democratic rights and put an end to democracy, as well as destroy the economy and development of the country. The rulers of Iran while planning to attack Israel had already started a war on Iranian women, rounding up women and human rights, peace and democracy activists and send their new morality police to the street, harshly treating women without hijab throughout the country.

In 1915, WILPF was born, when women suffragists met in The Hague during the First World War to demand an end to the war. We are at the same point again 109 years later.

We believe once again women of the world must unite for peace and democracy with no hesitation and with a single voice loudly denounce warmongers and demand peace, in the middle east.

We call on Iranian women, members of WILPF and their sisters from around the world to join together again and demand:

1- An immediate cease fire, peace and democracy for Iran, Israel and Palestine.
2- To protest against Iranian authorities to stop violence against women in Iran.
3- The immediate release of Toomaj Salehi, the Iranian activist and Artist who sentenced to death because of his support for women uprising in 2022.