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A Solemn Appeal for Peace and Reconciliation



The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel
The Honorable Masoud Pezeshkian, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Your Excellencies,

On behalf of The Ahimsa Foundation, India, we earnestly appeal for an immediate end to hostilities and urge both nations to embrace the path of peaceful resolution through dialogue and diplomacy. The devastation wrought by the current conflict has caused unimaginable human suffering - countless lives lost, families torn apart, and communities decimated. War has brought only grief, resentment, and destruction. Violence is not a solution; it is a betrayal of our shared humanity and a denial of every principle of dignity and decency.

A Call to Global Statesmanship

To the Honorable Presidents:

Donald Trump (USA), Vladimir Putin (Russia), Xi Jinping (China)

We strongly urge you to abstain from any military, political, or logistical involvement in this conflict. Escalation serves no purpose but to widen the circle of despair. As global leaders, we implore you to champion neutrality, restraint, and peacebuilding, not polarization.

A Message to the World's Spiritual Leaders

We respectfully call upon leaders of all faiths - Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and others - to raise a united voice for peace. We urge you to:

- Publicly denounce violence and aggression in any form.
- Inspire your followers to uphold compassion, unity, and non-violence.
- Speak out firmly against the trade and use of arms that fuel this crisis.

Let religion illuminate the path to healing and unity, not be twisted to justify division or bloodshed.

For the Sake of Our Shared Humanity

We appeal to every conscience and every leader: choose peace, not war. Let diplomacy replace destruction. Let compassion silence conflict. Let us, as one human family, rebuild bridges, restore trust, and walk together toward a future rooted in mutual respect and enduring reconciliation.

With deep respect and folded hands,



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51st - G7 MEETING IN CANADA

Note For G7 Leaders attending the 51st - G7 Summit, Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada
June 15-17, 2025

Recommendations for Creating a Better, Empowered and Peaceful World



Preamble:

The Ahimsa Foundation, rooted in the Indian philosophy of non-violence (Ahimsa), submits this advisory note to the leaders of the G7 nations-Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, along with the European Union-as they convene for the 51st - G7 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta. The principle of Ahimsa emphasizes compassion, mutual respect, and harmony, which we believe are essential for addressing global challenges and fostering a just, equitable, and peaceful world.

As the G7 deliberates on critical issues such as international peace, security, economic stability, and digital transformation, we urge leaders to reflect on where current approaches fall short and adopt transformative measures to create a better-empowered world grounded in non-violence, inclusivity, and sustainability. This note outlines key areas where G7 policies and actions require course correction and provides actionable recommendations to align with the vision of a peaceful and empowered global community.

I. Where G7 Approaches Fall Short:

Limited Representation and Exclusion of Emerging Economies

The G7, while influential, represents a narrow segment of the global population and economy, focusing primarily on advanced industrialized democracies. The exclusion of major emerging economies like India, Brazil, and South Africa as full members limits the group's ability to address global challenges comprehensively. This exclusivity undermines the G7's legitimacy in a multipolar world, particularly when addressing issues like climate change, global health, and economic inequality that disproportionately affect the Global South. The 2025 summit's guest list, while inclusive of some non-G7 nations, still reflects a selective approach that may not fully capture diverse perspectives.

Inconsistent Commitment to Climate Action

Despite pledges to combat climate change, G7 nations have not consistently met their commitments to reduce fossil fuel subsidies, achieve net-zero emissions, or provide adequate climate finance to vulnerable nations. For instance, foreign aid for climate adaptation and resilience in developing countries has declined, with G7 nations falling short of the UN's 0.7% gross national income target for official development assistance (ODA). This undermines global efforts to address climate-induced displacement, food insecurity, and biodiversity loss.

Escalation of Geopolitical Tensions

The G7's focus on countering perceived threats from nations like Russia and China often prioritizes confrontation over dialogue, exacerbating global divisions. Statements condemning China's actions in the South China Sea or Russia's aggression in Ukraine, while justified, lack sufficient emphasis on diplomatic solutions rooted in mutual respect and de-escalation. The G7's hardened stance on China's nuclear buildup and Taiwan, for example, risks further polarizing global relations.

Neglect of Non-Violent Conflict Resolution

The G7's approach to international security often leans heavily on military and economic sanctions, sidelining non-violent conflict resolution mechanisms such as mediation, cultural diplomacy, and grassroots peacebuilding. This approach fails to address the root causes of conflicts, such as poverty, inequality, and cultural misunderstandings, and risks perpetuating cycles of violence.

Inequitable Economic Policies

The G7's economic policies, including trade tariffs and protectionist measures, often prioritize national interests over global cooperation. For example, recent U.S. tariffs on G7 allies like Japan and Europe, as well as threats of deeper trade wars, undermine the group's stated goal of global economic stability. These policies disproportionately harm developing nations reliant on open markets.

Insufficient Focus on Human-Centric Technology

While the G7 emphasizes digital transformation and AI, there is inadequate attention to ensuring these technologies are ethical, inclusive, and accessible. The digital divide between G7 nations and the Global South remains stark, and AI development risks exacerbating inequalities if not guided by principles of fairness and transparency.

II. Recommendations for a Better, Empowered, and Peaceful World :

The Ahimsa Foundation proposes the following recommendations to align G7 actions with the principles of non-violence, equity, and global cooperation:

Expand Inclusive Global Governance

Action: Transition the G7 into a more inclusive platform by advocating for permanent representation of emerging economies like India, Brazil, and South Africa in a reformed G7 or a complementary forum. This could involve formalizing a "G7+" framework to integrate the Global South's perspectives.

Rationale: India's leadership in initiatives like the International Solar Alliance and the G20 demonstrates its capacity to bridge divides between developed and developing nations. Including such voices ensures equitable solutions to global challenges.

Impact: A more inclusive G7 would enhance its legitimacy and effectiveness in addressing issues like climate change, vaccine equity, and digital governance, fostering a sense of global ownership.

Commit to Robust Climate Action

Action: G7 nations must commit to phasing out fossil fuel subsidies by 2027, increasing climate finance to \$150 billion annually by 2030 for adaptation and resilience in developing nations, and accelerating the adoption of renewable energy through technology transfers.

Rationale: The G7's historical emissions burden necessitates leadership in climate action. Supporting initiatives like India's International Solar Alliance and providing grants (not loans) for climate adaptation will empower vulnerable communities.

Impact: These measures will reduce global inequalities, mitigate climate-induced conflicts, and promote sustainable development, aligning with Ahimsa's principle of non-harm to the environment.

Prioritize Non-Violent Conflict Resolution

Action: Establish a G7 Peacebuilding Task Force to promote mediation, cultural diplomacy, and civil society engagement in conflict zones. Support grassroots initiatives like women-led peacebuilding programs and interfaith dialogues to address root causes of violence.

Rationale: The G7's 2018 Gender Equality Advisory Council and commitments to civilian security systems demonstrate its potential to champion non-violent solutions. Expanding these efforts can de-escalate tensions in regions like Ukraine, the Middle East, and the Indo-Pacific.

Impact: Emphasizing dialogue over sanctions fosters trust, reduces human suffering, and aligns with Ahimsa's emphasis on compassion and reconciliation.

Promote Equitable Economic Partnerships

Action: Reverse protectionist trade policies and prioritize fair trade agreements that benefit developing nations. Establish a G7 fund to support small and medium enterprises in the Global South, focusing on sustainable industries like renewable energy and agriculture.

Rationale : Trade disputes, such as U.S. tariffs on G7 allies, weaken global economic stability and harm developing nations reliant on G7 markets. Collaborative trade frameworks, like Canada's free-trade agreement with Indonesia, can serve as models.

Impact: Equitable trade fosters economic empowerment, reduces poverty, and builds resilient global supply chains, creating a foundation for peace.

Ensure Ethical and Inclusive Digital Transformation

Action: Develop a G7 Charter for Ethical AI, emphasizing transparency, inclusivity, and accessibility. Invest in digital infrastructure for developing nations to bridge the digital divide, drawing inspiration from India's digital public infrastructure (e.g., UPI, Aadhaar).

Rationale : AI and digital technologies must serve humanity equitably, not exacerbate inequalities. India's digital transformation offers a scalable model for inclusive growth.

Impact: Ethical technology deployment empowers communities, enhances economic opportunities, and prevents the misuse of AI in ways that could harm peace.

Strengthen Global Health and Vaccine Equity

Action: Reinstate and expand funding for global health initiatives, ensuring equitable access to vaccines, diagnostics, and treatments. Support the WHO's Pandemic Treaty to prepare for future health crises.

Rationale : The G7's retreat from foreign aid, particularly in health, undermines global resilience. Past successes, like the 2010 Muskoka Initiative, show the G7's capacity to lead in global health.

Impact: Equitable health access reduces disparities, strengthens global solidarity, and prevents pandemics from destabilizing peace.

Foster Cultural and Educational Exchange

Action: Launch a G7 Global Education and Cultural Exchange Program to promote mutual understanding through scholarships, interfaith dialogues, and cultural festivals.

Rationale : Cultural misunderstandings fuel conflict. The G7 Education Ministers' 2023 statement on education as a foundation for peace provides a framework to build upon.

Impact: Cultural exchange fosters empathy, reduces prejudice, and builds a foundation for peaceful coexistence.

III. The Role of Ahimsa in Shaping a Peaceful World:

The Ahimsa Foundation draws on India's ancient philosophy of non-violence, which advocates for compassion toward all living beings and respect for diverse perspectives. We urge G7 leaders to integrate Ahimsa into their policymaking by:

Embracing Dialogue: Replace confrontational rhetoric with inclusive dialogue, as demonstrated by India's leadership in the Non-Aligned Movement and South-South Cooperation.

Prioritizing Human Dignity: Center policies on human welfare, ensuring no community is marginalized in the pursuit of economic or geopolitical goals.

Acting with Humility: Acknowledge the G7's limitations and learn from the Global South's innovative solutions to global challenges.

By adopting these principles, the G7 can move beyond its current framework of power politics and economic dominance to become a true catalyst for a peaceful, empowered, and sustainable world.

IV. Conclusion :

The 51st G7 Summit in Kananaskis offers a historic opportunity to redefine global leadership in alignment with the values of non-violence, equity, and cooperation. The Ahimsa Foundation calls on G7 leaders to address their shortcomings in representation, climate action, conflict resolution, economic equity, digital transformation, and global health. By implementing the recommended actions, the G7 can lead by example, fostering a world where peace, empowerment, and sustainability are not aspirations but realities.

We stand ready to collaborate with G7 nations, civil society, and global partners to advance the vision of Ahimsa for a better world. Let this summit be a turning point toward a future where all nations and peoples thrive in harmony.



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