

The dramatic escalation in the Middle East calls for clear positions and concrete actions. The wait-and-see stance of the Luxembourg government is weakening our country's credibility on the international stage.

At present, the inertia of the Frieden government prevails, whether in response to the United States' disregard for international law or to the illegal and disproportionate military actions carried out by Israel. In doing so, the government is engaging in a form of anticipatory zeal, as was already the case when the BCEE unilaterally closed the accounts of the International Criminal Court (ICC) following U.S. sanctions targeting ICC magistrates. Such complacency seriously undermines the principles of international law and erodes confidence in Luxembourg's ability to defend international institutions.

We note with concern the latest verbal escalation by the President of the United States, who on April 7, 2026, on the platform Truth Social, stated that "A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again" in connection with the ongoing conflict with Iran. A threat of genocide is clearly being articulated here.

At the same time, we strongly condemn Israel's military operations in Lebanon, which are worsening a major humanitarian crisis and threatening regional, and even global stability. The war in Lebanon continues the policies pursued in the occupied territories, marked by settlement expansion, destruction, and repeated violations of international law. The United Nations is warning of war crimes and risks of genocide. These facts demand a clear and unequivocal response.

The military escalation involving the United States, Israel, Lebanon, and Iran further illustrates the dead end of a confrontational logic that undermines the international order.

International law is not optional: it is an existential guarantee for the international community, and even more so for small states like Luxembourg, whose security and very existence depend precisely on respect for common rules.

The Luxembourg government must finally break with its passive attitude and rediscover political courage, drawing inspiration from countries such as Spain, which consistently defends democratic values and international law.

For this reason, we call on the Luxembourg government to act decisively, notably by closing the Luxembourg Trade and Investment Office (LTIO) in Tel Aviv and by applying targeted sanctions against Israel.

The LSAP also wishes to stress that political inaction is not a neutral position. The findings presented by the Scientific Unit of the Luxembourg Parliament in its recent note, "The international obligations and responsibility of Luxembourg in light of Israel's practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory," confirm that Luxembourg cannot limit itself to a passive stance without exposing itself to legal and political risks. The obligations incumbent upon the state, namely not to recognize an illegal situation and to act to prevent violations, are not a matter of opportunistic choice but of compliance with international law.

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