**IPA Statement on Families Affected by War**

Children are the future of the world.. Each of us are called to protect the innocents of this world. How children together with their families fare within a society can bring hope or a continuing cycle of despair. Anyone who brings harm to children and their families violates universal religious and humanitarian precepts. The global community and all relevant parties have the responsibility to end GRAVE VIOLATIONS against women, children and families affected by the war. Current or recent conflicts in areas such as Syria, Nigeria, Congo, Gaza, Israel and Iraq that target civilian populations will have catastrophic effects over many generations. These disastrous effects reach across all borders.

The International Pediatric Society representing 174 pediatric societies around the globe calls for:

* An immediate end to the violence against or involving any civilian population around the world.
* Adequate nutrition of vulnerable souls is an absolute necessity. Access to humanitarian assistance for these children and families is a duty of all combatants.
* Health care including immunization should be ensured for all affected women and children.
* Keeping children with their families. in any conflict or displacement situation
* Restoring and supporting the ongoing education of all children in any conflict or displacement.
* Commitment to the availability of healing and protective psychological support for all children affected by conflict.

***LOYAL TO OUR MORAL DUTY AS PEDIATRICIANS, WE CLAIM AND DEMAND FULFILLMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDERS OF UNICEF CONVENTION FOR CHILDREN RIGHTS, ALL PARTIES IN ANY CONFLICT MUST AVOID ATTACK AGAINST INNOCENT SOULS IN ORDER TO AVOID CATATROPHIC CONSEQUENCES FOR INVOLVED CHILDREN***

The IPA Executive Committee has renewed its call for the protection of all women, children and families potentially affected by armed conflict. This statement is intended to augment previous statements that can be found at ipa-world.org