



## **Developing pathways to peace**

***A plea for a just peace on the occasion of the high-level conference on peace in Ukraine on 15th and 16th June 2024 on the Bürgenstock***

War has been raging in the Donbass for over ten years, and over two years ago the Russian Federation escalated the war further and spread it to the whole of Ukraine. The war has caused unimaginable human suffering. With this in mind, it is time to finally put an end to the bloodshed and get back on the road to peace.

We expressly welcome the Swiss government's initiative to convene a peace conference on the 15th and 16th of June 2024 in Bürgenstock in the canton of Nidwalden. More than 160 delegations from all over the world have been invited to the conference. It is a strong signal that the governments of around 90 countries followed this call to jointly develop concrete ways to pave the way for peace. We also congratulate the Swiss Justice and Peace Commission for the organisation of the "Mindful Walk to the Ranft" and join the participants in their prayers.

We call on the international community and all states and governments to take concrete measures for peace and create the necessary conditions for a just peace.

Our faith strengthens us in our hope for a just peace. In this spirit, we encourage the international community to courageously stand up for peace, justice and the protection of human dignity. We expect states and governments worldwide to do everything in their power to overcome the scourge of war and finally realize the United Nations' founding vision of peace.

The Executive Committee of Justice and Peace Europe, 14 June 2024