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CO BUILDING HOPE AND HARMONY:
A HARAMBEE CALL TO UNITE A DIVIDED SOCIETY

In response to the current conflict in the Middle East—marked by mass civilian suffering, displacement, and technologically mediated warfare—my message is to affirm social work’s sole allegiance to humanity and to reject ideological partisanship to which we may be drawn based on our state, allegiance, and nation. I draw on the philosophy of Harambee (“all pull together”). I see strengths-based practice as moral action: centring lived experience, protecting the most vulnerable despite political inconvenience, and resisting ethical paralysis amid institutional failure. I urge social workers globally to practice solidarity across borders, sustain collective care to counter moral injury, invest in the ethical formation of future practitioners, and collaborate across disciplines, cultures, and faiths. This is a global message to professional social workers, a call to act.

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