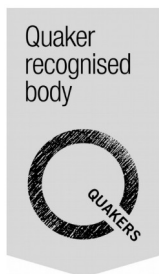


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We stand here out of deep concern at the prospect of further major war in Europe. Our continent has seen too many periods of intense violent conflict and we know that the consequences have been devastating for those affected immediately and for subsequent generations. Humankind faces many uncertainties at this time. But we are also living at a time of great potential. There are skills and ingenuity that can be used to build a safe future for all people and for our planet. We urge all those who have influence to use this to shape a better future for the generations that come after us. War is, ultimately, a reflection of a failure in resolving differences and injustices through peaceful means. We hold in our hearts everyone facing fear and uncertainty, and express our profound hope that war can be avoided at this time.



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