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In 2025 ACSF and 2A Magazine launched the International Design Competition (IDC), *Transcendent Design and the Space In-between*. The competition invited conceptual projects designed to foster human and planetary flourishing, spiritual growth, and the experience of the transcendent for present and future generations. It was grounded in the ACSF Vision that the design and experience of the built environment can support the spiritual development of humanity in service of addressing the world's most pressing challenges.

It is with sadness that the ACSF Board of Directors has made the difficult and heartfelt decision to cancel the competition.

We concluded that, given the current situation in Iran and the Middle East, it is impossible and inappropriate to continue the competition at this time. Our partners are based in Dubai and Iran, and our hearts are with them during this tragic time.

We sincerely appreciate all they have invested in the ideals and execution of this initiative. We are also grateful for all who registered for the competition, many of whom are in the Middle East, and sad that we will not see their visions of a better future. We further extend our deep appreciation to the members of the jury and reviewers for their commitment, insight, and generosity in supporting this effort.

ACSF is the only organization of its kind dedicated to exploring the spiritual and cultural aspects of the built environment, with members from 65 countries. We remain committed to fostering a supportive, global community dedicated to bridging cultural and religious differences, raising human consciousness, addressing environmental and cultural sustainability, advancing social justice, imparting beauty, and improving health and wellbeing.

It is the Board of Directors' intention to relaunch the International Design Competition at a future date when conditions allow. Please stay tuned for announcements.

We will be in touch with all registered participants regarding the next steps. We deeply appreciate the time, care, and intention already invested in this competition and hope to create an opportunity to revisit and celebrate this work in the future.

To stay informed about future opportunities, we invite you to join our mailing list and follow us on social media.

In hopes that all will be safe and well.

The ACSF Board of Directors