

# MANIFESTO 2000

PEACE



IS IN OUR HANDS

Join the global movement for a culture of peace and non-violence

• Because the new millennium must be an opportunity to transform – all together - the culture of war and violence into a culture of peace and non-violence.

• Because this transformation demands the participation of each and every one of us, and must offer young people and future generations the values that can inspire them to shape a world based on justice, solidarity, liberty, dignity, harmony and prosperity for all.

• Because the culture of peace can underpin sustainable development, environmental protection and the well-being of each person.

• Because I am aware of my share of responsibility for the future of humanity, in particular to the children of today and tomorrow

I PLEDGE IN MY DAILY LIFE, IN MY FAMILY, MY WORK, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY AND MY REGION, TO:

1 "Respect all life." Respect the life and dignity of each human being without discrimination or prejudice.

2 "Reject violence." Practise active non-violence, rejecting violence in all its forms: physical, sexual, psychological, economical and social, in particular towards the most deprived and vulnerable such as children and adolescents.

3 "Share with others" Share my time and material resources in a spirit of generosity to put an end to exclusion, injustice and political and economic oppression.

4 "Listen to understand." Defend freedom of expression and cultural diversity, giving preference always to dialogue and listening without engaging in fanaticism, defamation and the rejection of others.

5 "Preserve the planet." Promote consumer behaviour that is responsible and development practices that respect all forms of life and preserve the balance of nature on the planet.

6 "Rediscover solidarity." Contribute to the development of my community, with the full participation of women and respect for democratic principles, in order to create together new forms of solidarity.

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[www.unesco.org/manifesto2000](http://www.unesco.org/manifesto2000)

- Due to the wide scope of this campaign (at the beginning of the 2001-2010 International Decade, more than 75 Million signatures collected), the use of internet is strongly recommended to spread the MANIFESTO 2000 as well as to collect the signatures.
- If you do not have direct access to Internet, you may find it through those around you, friends, libraries, schools, universities, city halls, cybercafes, or through the nearest United Nations office.

If you really don't have any possibility of accessing internet, return this form once completed and signed:

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Town of Residence.....

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Date and Signature .....

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The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the Decade 2001-2010 "International Decade for a Culture of Peace and non-violence for the Children of the World".

A group of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates drafted MANIFESTO 2000 on the occasion of the celebration of the International Year for the Culture of Peace (2000)