

COMMITMENT 2000

FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

The year 2000 must be a new beginning for us all. Together we can transform the culture of war and violence into a culture of peace and non-violence (1). This demands the participation of everyone. It gives young people and future generations values that can inspire them to shape a world of dignity and harmony, a world of justice, solidarity, liberty and prosperity. The culture of peace makes possible sustainable development, protection of the environment and the personal fulfilment of each human being.

Recognising my share of responsibility for the future of humanity, especially for today's children and those of future generations, I pledge - in my daily life, in my family, my work, my community, my country and my region - to:

1. **Respect the life** and dignity of every person without discrimination or prejudice;
2. **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 my time and material resources** in a spirit of generosity to put an end to exclusion, injustice and political and economic oppression;
4. **Defend freedom of expression and cultural diversity**, giving preference always to dialogue and listening rather than fanaticism, defamation and the rejection of others;
5. **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. **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.

As my personal contribution to the promotion of a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence, I undertake to:

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Signature: Date:

First Name (2): Surname:

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- (1) The General Assembly of the United Nations has proclaimed the year 2000 as the "**International Year for the Culture of Peace**", for which UNESCO is the focal point, and - in response to an appeal signed by all the Nobel Peace Laureates - the first decade of the next millennium - the years 2001-2010 - as the "**International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World**".
- (2) Your name, as a signatory of the COMMITMENT 2000, will appear on the Internet website devoted to this operation: www.unesco.org/manifesto 2000. All the signatures affixed to COMMITMENT 2000 will be presented to the General Assembly of the United Nations for the millennium in September 2000.
- (3) Your address will not be disclosed to any third party. This information is simply needed to authenticate your signature and to allow us to send you a receipt.

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