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# MANIFESTO 2000

For a culture  
of peace  
and non-violence



2000 INTERNATIONAL YEAR  
FOR THE CULTURE OF PEACE



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Join the international movement for the culture of peace and non-violence

Peace is  in our hands

• Because the year 2000 must be a new beginning, an opportunity to transform – all together - the culture of war and violence into a culture of peace and non-violence.

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

• 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.

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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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**All the signatures for MANIFESTO 2000 will be presented to the General Assembly of the United Nations for the millennium in September 2000.**