

DECLARATION FOR SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL PEACE

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Legislators, as guardians of society's values, bear the responsibility to craft laws that embrace diversity and nurture tolerance. Their role extends beyond governance, as they are a beacon, guiding communities toward understanding and harmony. Through equitable policies and inclusive dialogues, legislators pave the way for peaceful coexistence, fostering a society where differences are celebrated, not feared. Their commitment to upholding justice and fostering empathy is instrumental in shaping a world where peace transcends boundaries and prejudices.

Therefore, witnessing that the world is facing many grave challenges today, including armed conflicts, humanitarian crises and political instability,

Acknowledging that diversity is a source of strength and that promoting the respect for diversity, pluralism, and multiculturalism contribute to peaceful coexistence,

Realizing the vital role of civil society in promoting the values of tolerance and peace,

Believing that building sustainable peace is critical for achieving long-term stability and prosperity,

Reaffirming the principles of the United Nations Charter and all the relevant UN resolutions on building and preserving international peace and tolerance,

Recognizing that the international legal framework for peacebuilding has evolved but that new challenges require new tools and approaches,


Supporting the statement of the UN Secretary General H.E Antonio Guterres, that "it is long past time to move in a determined, irreversible way towards a two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, on the basis of United Nations resolutions and international law",

Calling for comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in Ukraine, and immediate ceasefire in Gaza, based on the principles of the United Nations Charter, and Ukraine's territorial integrity, we emphasize the need for the following actions:

We call for urgent and immediate ceasefires, paving the way for humanitarian relief and fostering enduring peace across borders,

Recalling UN Resolution 2712 (2023), we call on all parties to comply with their obligations under international law, notably regarding the protection of civilians, especially children. Upholding international humanitarian conventions during conflicts is paramount, ensuring protection for the vulnerable and preserving humanity's collective conscience amidst turmoil,

In our collective duty, we must amplify support for refugees and displaced persons, ensuring dignified care and ensuring conditions for the safe return to their homes,



We urge countries to redouble efforts in fighting terrorism and on preventing extremism: political, religious, or any other thereof, including in the social media,

We acknowledge and support the essential role that regional organizations and parliaments play in addressing challenges of a regional nature,

We urge countries to commit to reducing inequality, addressing socio-economic disparities, and fostering inclusive societies, recognizing that social equity is integral to sustainable peace.

We call upon all nations to also prioritize the preservation of our planet and its resources, promoting sustainable development and preventing future conflicts over resources and the human tragedies that they would bring,

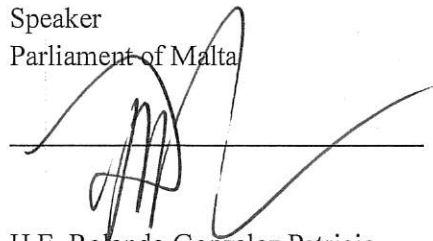
We support initiatives that promote renewable energy, mitigate climate change, and advance environmental sustainability, recognizing the intrinsic link between environmental stability and global harmony.

We emphasize the importance of education for sustainable international peace, urging educational institutions to integrate principles of tolerance, peace, and global citizenship into their curricula.

We advocate for the engagement of civil society, youth organizations, and grassroots movements in promoting sustainable peace through collaborative efforts, innovative solutions, and active participation in decision-making processes.

Recognizing the pressing need for urgent and collective action, we call upon the global community, especially legislators worldwide, to join us in these shared endeavors.

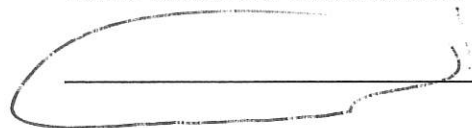
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