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"The City, Place of Tolerance"

## DECLARATION

The Mayors and Representatives of the "Peace Messenger Cities" convened in Marrakech from 8-10 June, 1992 in the framework of the 5th General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities.

The theme "The City - Place of Tolerance and Solidarity" was widely discussed by the participants who were inspired with the will to contribute to the establishing of Peace, Understanding and Solidarity among peoples, for a just and fair world.

## RECOGNISING

- The fact that our cities have been declared "Messengers of Peace" by the United Nations on the occasion of the International Year of Peace,

The duty of the "Peace Messenger Cities" to sensitise their citizens to questions of Peace, Solidarity and Tolerance;

The fact that the city is, today, at the heart of all discussions, and that it is emerging throughout the world as the reality of tomorrow, since the civilisation of the next century will be primarily a civilisation of the city,

The progressive and inevitable confirmation of the role of cities and municipal administrations which constitute the level of government which is closest to the citizen. The competence's frequently derogated to cities in respect of management, and in the fields of society and the economy, especially employment, education, health, habitat, and basic urban infrastructure.

- The obligation they are under to reconcile the demands of development and the protection of their environment;

- The necessity to reconcile the requirements of development and the search for a balance among the entire human component living in urban areas

The unanimous commitment of the international community to the values of liberty and democracy, and to the respect of human rights;

## AFFIRM

- Their will to assume their responsibility in supporting all peace initiatives throughout the world.

Their wish to see the United Nations carry out in full its role of peacekeeping, of participating in the resolution of conflicts in a peaceful way, and of supporting the process of profound transformation of the totality of international relations and institutions,

- Their desire to see States and international organisations bring active support to the United Nations for its positive work in favour of Peace, of disarmament, and the fight against poverty and infectious diseases.

- Their support of any act upholding democracy, liberty or human rights.

Their backing of the establishment of a new economic order whose byword should be solidarity.

Their particular support of the protection of both the natural and urban environments, and the fight against pollution. - Their desire for the preservation, in an environment of

solidarity, of cultural heritage existing in certain cities which are threatened by the vagaries of the weather, destruction and disfiguring.

- Their condemnation of xenophobia, racism and sectarian policies, be they ethnic, religious, or discriminatory, in any and all urban areas.

- Their interest to see put into place at the United Nations, under terms to be determined by the General Secretariat and the Member-States, a mechanism permitting direct support to cities in difficulty and to partnership among cities.

- Their agreement to close cooperation with other international organisations of cities sharing the same aspirations and objectives.



Marrakech Conference - from left to right: Jean-Louis Dumont, President of IAPMC, Mohamed Louafa, Mayor of Marrakech and John Vernon Reed, Under-Secretary-General of UN.