

DECLARATION OF KRUSEVAC

We, the 21 peace cities, the members of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, on the occasion of the 20th General Assembly of IAPMC, gathered in Krusevac, Serbia, discussing the theme:

THE NEW THREAT TO WORLD PEACE: Violation of International Law and Human Rights,

On the 6th of September, 2007, aware of our role in promoting and encouraging the culture of peace, have agreed to the present Declaration:

Recognizing:

The duty and responsibility of all the individuals, organizations, cities and states in implementing the right of the individual and peoples to live in peace as the fundamental human right and eternal value of mankind;

The importance of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for the promotion and protection of fundamental human rights for all persons in the world and for the full and unbiased implementation of the human rights proclaimed by the United Nations;

The obligation of every individual, organization, city or state to promote and encourage respect for human rights for all without distinction of any kind or disrespect based on race, color, ethnicity, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, sex, property, birth or other status;

That the peoples of our planet have a sacred right to peace and that obtaining the world without war is a primary condition for the development and progress of mankind and for the preservation of human civilization;

The importance of maintaining international peace and developing friendly relations among nations founded upon principles of freedom, equality and justice;

That the respect of the above mentioned fundamental principles of freedom, equality and justice could not be realized without respect for international law set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, in other documents adopted by the competent organs of the United Nations and in international treaties as a prerequisite for the preservation of world peace;

That the promotion of the rule of law among nations and the faithful observance of the principles of international law concerning friendly relations and co-operation among states is of the greatest importance for the maintenance of international peace;

That any external attempt aimed at the partial or total disruption of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of existing states, is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter as a main guarantor of World peace among nations;

That the number of the states that have nuclear weapons or are in process to develop nuclear weapons is a potential danger to the well being and even the very existence of humanity;

That the nuclear weapons are a means of mass destruction and of possible genocide and that the damage the nuclear weapons inflict is lasting and incurable and as such presents one of the biggest threats to world peace, and

That only 5 % of military expenses is sufficient for solving the most urgent problems of the world, especially poverty, social and educational problems;

Call upon:

all the countries for renunciation of the use of force in international relations and the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations;

all the countries to comply in good faith with their obligations under the generally recognized principles and norms of international law with respect to the maintenance of international peace;

all the countries to refrain in international relations from any threat against the state sovereignty and territorial integrity, a violation of international law and the Charter of the United Nations;

all individuals, organizations, cities and countries to do their utmost to assist in implementing the human rights on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights through the adoption of appropriate measures;

all individuals, organizations and cities to recognize whatever responsibility their own countries may bear for the threat to peace and exert every effort to break the chain of hatred and violence;

all individuals, organizations and cities to request their governments to urge all countries in possession of nuclear weapons to agree to a mutually verifiable nuclear arms freeze as a major step towards nuclear disarmament;

all the nuclear weapon states to stop using nuclear power for military purposes and call for the urgent international action to stop further proliferation of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction as the first step to total elimination of potential massive destruction of mankind, and

all nations to support the 4th Special Session on Disarmament of the United Nations to negotiate an end to the arms race that is draining the wealth of all nations and creating dangerous tension between nations.