

RESOLUTION
TO CREATE A NEW STATUS FOR CITIES AND ASSOCIATION OF CITIES AT
THE UNITED NATIONS

Recognizing the need for increasing global participation and support for the United Nations as a universal forum expressing the hopes and desires of all humanity for peace and economic, social and political justice;

Affirming that the acceptance of civil society into the structure of the United Nations as Non-Government Organizations has produced significant initiatives incorporated by the General Assembly and provided invaluable source of commitment and support to the ideals of the Charter of the United Nations;

Realizing that the present concept of Non Governmental Organizations includes cities and associations of cities;

Understanding that over 50% of the world's population lives in cities;

Considering that cities and their leadership represent millions of people and their needs, and are responsible for their good and welfare and security, utilizing expertise in many of the areas engaged by the United Nations and the respective Agencies;

Appreciating that Cities are local governance, not non-government organizations.

The General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, organized pursuing an initiative of the General Assembly for the International Year of Peace in 1985, meeting in Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia on September 2, 2005, goes on record urging the General Assembly of the United Nations to establish a new category for participation in the United Nations, *Local Government Level*, for Cities and Associations of Cities.

Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to the Secretary-General of the United Nations; proper departments in the United Nations; all Missions to the United Nations; and all Associations of Cities.

Passed unanimously.

General Assembly
International Association of Peace Messenger Cities
September 2, 2005
Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia