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#### I. FOREWORD

The adoption in 1999 by the United Nations General Assembly of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace was a watershed event. Nine months of negotiations, which I had the honor to chair, led to the adoption of this historic, norm-setting document now considered one of the most significant and enduring legacies of the United Nations.

During the last ten years, the UN's work in this area has been particularly spearheaded by the broad-based advocacy and activism of numerous non-governmental organizations throughout the globe. The International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010), which was proclaimed by the United Nations, is galvanizing a global movement for the culture of peace.

This Report of actions by civil society during the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World is provided to the Secretary-General for submission to the General Assembly in conformity with paras 13 and 17 of GA resolution A/Res./64/80. It is a sequel to the Report at the midterm of the Decade that is commended by the General Assembly in para 7 of the resolution. The Report is also in conformity with the aims and strategies of the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace (GA resolution A/Res./53/243), which call for a global movement for a culture of peace, emphasizing that "civil society should be involved at the local, regional and national levels to widen the scope of activities on a culture of peace," and for the promotion of a culture of peace through the sharing of information by its various actors. The Report is organized in terms of the eight action areas identified in the Programme of Action.

The Report summarizes briefly the thousands of pages contributed by over 1,000 non-governmental organizations. The website for the Report at <a href="http://www.decade-culture-of-peace.org">http://www.decade-culture-of-peace.org</a> makes available all of their detailed information and photographs.

The collection and analysis of the data was carried out in 2010 by an international team of youth under the direction of David Adams, who was the initial director of the Decade before his retirement from UNESCO and who deserves our wholehearted appreciation for his able guidance and commitment in preparation of both the 2005 and the present Reports. The team members include Marcos Estrada (Brazil), Meghann Villanueva (Philippines), Cécile Barbeito (Spain), Lillian Solheim (Norway), Mayte Roitenburd (Mexico), Johanna Ospina (Colombia), Nikki Delfin (Philippines), Shreya Jani (India), Oliver Rizzi Carlson (Switzerland) and Himali Jinadasa (Sri Lanka). Support was provided by Alicia Cabezudo, the Associação Brasileira dos Organizadores de Festivais de Folclore e Artes Populares (ABrasOFFA), the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY), the Centre Unesco de Catalunya (UNESCOCAT), the Fundación Cultura de Paz, the Escola de Cultura de Pau of the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Fundació Privada Catalunya Voluntària and Generation Peace Youth Network among others.

The Culture of Peace Working Group of the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns, a Committee of the Conferences of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CSVGC-NY) has sponsored this Report in the name of all civil society organizations worldwide.

In today's world, the culture of peace should be seen as the essence of a new humanity, a new global civilization based on inner oneness and outer diversity. The flourishing of a culture of peace will generate the mindset in us that is a prerequisite for the transition from force to reason, from conflict and violence to dialogue and peace. A culture of peace will provide the foundation for a stable, progressive, and prosperous world for all.

Let us all join together in dedicating ourselves to strengthen the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace!

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Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury

New York, 29 May 2010

#### II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The global movement for a culture of peace is advancing, as called for in 1999 by the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace (A-53-243). This is the conclusion of most organizations from around the world, as they report progress toward a culture of peace at the conclusion of the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World. It is documented by over 5,000 pages of information, both text and photographs, submitted before 15 May 2010 by 1,054 organizations from over 100 countries which are freely available at <a href="http://decade-culture-of-peace.org">http://decade-culture-of-peace.org</a> on the website of the Decade Report. This information is the tip of an even larger iceberg, as indicated by the many partnerships listed by participating organizations. They number in the many thousands, corresponding to the call for partnerships for a culture of peace in the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace (para B.A.6).

In the following pages, the data are described for 234 organizations from Europe, 230 from Latin America and the Caribbean, 126 from Africa, 95 from North America, 98 from South and Central Asia, 72 from the Arab States and 52 from East Asia and Australasia, as well as from 147 international organizations. The contributing organizations are listed in the Annex.

This Report is organized in terms of the eight programme areas for a culture of peace identified by the 1999 Programme of Action: Culture of Peace through Education; Sustainable Economic and Social Development; Respect for all Human Rights; Equality between Women and Men; Democratic Participation; Understanding, Tolerance and Solidarity; Participatory Communication and Free Flow of Information and Knowledge; and International Peace and Security.

Culture of Peace through Education is the highest priority for the majority of civil society organizations contributing to the Decade. Although progress is difficult to measure, it may be the most important factor in the long run for the transition to a culture of peace. The educational efforts by civil society, carried out by means of campaigns, solidarity projects, conferences, museums, publications, Internet websites, etc., have convinced millions of people throughout the world that a culture of peace is possible and desirable. They have disseminated the vision initiated by UNESCO and elaborated by the UN General Assembly in resolution A-52-13, that "the creation of the United Nations system itself, based upon universally shared values and goals, has been a major act towards transformation from a culture of war and violence to a culture of peace and non-violence (...) which consists of values, attitudes and behaviors that reflect and inspire social interaction and sharing based on the principles of freedom, justice and democracy, all human rights, tolerance and solidarity, that reject violence and endeavor to prevent conflicts by tackling their root causes to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation and that guarantee the full exercise of all rights and the means to participate fully in the development process of their society."

With regard to <u>Sustainable Economic and Social Development</u>, despite the involvement of many civil society organizations, progress is debatable. According to the report of Worldwatch, "The past decade has witnessed an unprecedented mobilization of efforts to combat the world's accelerating ecological crisis (...) Despite all of this momentum, most of the

world's key ecological indicators signal a continued downward spiral, and the most important environmental summit of the past decade—in Copenhagen in December 2009—fell far short of expectations." The apparent lack of success on the part of civil society to affect change in this area can of course also be partly explained by the fact that its power is limited to campaigning and influencing those who possess the political and economic power over pollution and exploitation of the world's resources. An exceptional advance has been achieved in the field of microcredits, as described by the Grameen Bank.

<u>Respect for all Human Rights</u> has been promoted by civil society organizations in all respects. Important advances have been achieved in the protection of the rights of workers and the reduction of child labor as described by the International Labor Rights Forum and in the development of restorative justice as described by the European Forum for Restorative Justice.

The leadership for **Equality between Women and Men**, already demonstrated by civil society organizations at the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995), has been expanded during the Decade. Organizations have included this as one of their priorities in every region, as exemplified by the following quotation: "We strongly believe that many of the good things that have happened at Grameen Bank are a result of its decision to focus on women and we are definite that the culture of peace and non-violence can be strengthened by focusing on women empowerment."

Although few contributing organizations have given their top priority to **<u>Democratic</u> <u>Participation</u>**, there has been a great increase in the involvement of local authorities, as described more fully below.

In the domain of <u>Understanding, Tolerance and Solidarity</u>, civil society has taken the lead, especially for inter-religious dialogue. In the words of Soka Gakkai, "As some call it a sea change, there has been a dramatic increase of the topic of interfaith dialogue and cooperation taken up not only by NGOs but also among the Member States and in partnership among the governments, UN and NGOs."

<u>Participatory Communication and Free Flow of Information and Knowledge</u> has been advanced largely through use of the Internet by civil society corresponding to para 6 in the 1999 Programme of Action calling for the promotion of a culture of peace through sharing of information among actors in the global movement for a culture of peace.

Progress is especially evident in the domain of <u>International Peace and Security</u>, where civil society has taken the initiative. Important advances are described in detail by the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) and the Cluster Munition Coalition. On the other hand, progress continues to elude many civil society organizations working for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Most organizations report that obstacles remain in the path of promoting the culture of peace. It is generally agreed that there is a remarkable scarcity and difficulty of access to resources for the promotion of the culture of peace, in comparison with the immense expenses for the promotion of war and violence. Many point to lack of public awareness; as stated by the

International Coalition for the Decade, "As during the first half of the Decade, media attention to the Decade and support by UNESCO have been insufficient." In particular, UNESCO abandoned the communication and networking arrangements established during the International Year for the Culture of Peace that were meant to provide an instant update of developments related to the observance of the Decade.

What is the future for the culture of peace? The plans reported by contributing organizations indicate that most of them expect to continue and increase their efforts. One general trend that is already evident is the increased incorporation and mainstreaming of the culture of peace among local and national governments as well as among individuals and civil society organizations. The Decade began with the mobilization of non-governmental organizations and individuals during the International Year for the Culture of Peace in 2000 as 75 million people signed the Manifesto 2000, promising to work for a culture of peace in their daily lives. The Decade concludes with the additional mobilization for a culture of peace by institutions at the level of states and local communities.

The Global Alliance for Ministries and Departments of Peace has increased its campaigns and membership to 35 countries since 2005, and has contributed to the creation of two of the three existing Ministries for Peace in the world (now in Costa Rica, Nepal, and the Solomon Islands). At a more basic level, local authorities have mobilized for a culture of peace, as indicated by many reports from cities and towns in Europe, Latin America and North America. In addition, the culture of peace and its components are increasingly supported by international networks of local authorities including United Cities and Local Governments, representing most of the cities of the world, Mayors for Peace in 3,880 cities, and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability involving over 1,100 cities, towns, counties, and their associations in 70 countries.

Most participating organizations seem to agree that, while the Decade for a Culture of Peace is ending, the global movement for a culture of peace is just beginning.

# III. FINAL CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT OF THE UN INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD (2001-2010)

#### A. International Organizations

Reports from 147 organizations at a regional or international level indicate the rich contribution of civil society to the Decade at these levels. They are described below according to the eight action areas of the UN Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace.

An important development in recent years has been the establishment and enlargement of global networks of local authorities working for a culture of peace. Mayors for Peace has long worked for nuclear disarmament and has grown to include 3,880 cities around the world. United Cities and Local Governments, representing most of the cities of the world, has established a number of commissions, including one for City Diplomacy, Peace Building and Human Rights. And ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability has grown to include over 1,100 cities, towns, counties, and their associations in 70 countries.

Regional organizations in every part of the world have contributed to the Decade, as described more fully in the sections below: in East Asia, the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU); in South Asia, the International Foundation for Human Development; in the Arab States, World Links Arab Region and the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement; in Africa, the Centre Panafricain de Prospective Sociale; in Latin America, the Consejo Latinoamericano de Investigación para la Paz (CLAIP) and Mil Milenios de Paz; and in Europe, the network of the Center for Peace Research and Peace Education based in Austria.

The majority of the organizations put their highest priority on *Culture of Peace through Education*, followed by *Understanding, Tolerance and Solidarity*, *Respect for all Human Rights*, and *International Peace and Security* as indicated below by the percentages in parentheses.

<u>Culture of Peace through Education</u> (most important priority 47%, secondary priority 64%) Peace education in formal school programs is facilitated by numerous organizations, including the Association mondiale pour l'École instrument de paix, and Life-Link Friendship Schools. University programs in peace education are facilitated by the IAUP/UN Commission on Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution and Peace; the International Institute on Peace Education; UNIPAZ – Universidade Internacional da Paz; the Peace Studies Program at Clark University; and the Center for Peace Research and Peace Education at the University of Klagenfurt, Austria. Both formal and non-formal peace education programs are facilitated by the Universal Peace Federation and the Association for Living Values Education International.

Important non-formal initiatives in peace education concentrate on youth, such as the World Alliance of YMCAs and the United Network of Young Peacebuilders. The former adopted a global priority of promoting a culture of peace among its 40 million members in 2002. The latter promotes the culture of peace through advocacy, student conferences, training seminars, internships, study sessions and newsletters.

Peaceboat has made seventeen voyages for peace in the second half of the Decade as a "floating peace village, encouraging a sense of community and enabling direct dialogue between those onboard and in the ports that we visit, [promoting] peace, human rights, sustainability and respect for the environment."

Each year, Pathways to Peace submits a comprehensive report to the UN, documenting the annual growth of Peace Day and a global culture of peace. Their detailed reports for the International Day of Peace may be found under each country on the website for this report.

Several coalitions and foundations have a direct and special relationship with the Decade for a Culture of Peace. The Fundación Cultura de Paz coordinated and published the Midterm Decade Report from Civil Society in 2005. The Fundación was established by Federico Mayor Zaragoza after leaving his post as Director-General of UNESCO, where he had been responsible for the initiation of the Decade. The Coordination internationale pour la Décennie internationale de la promotion d'une culture de la non-violence et de la paix au profit des enfants du monde (International Coalition for the Decade) brings together 15 national coordinating groups and 19 international organizations working for the goals of the Decade. In recent years they have lobbied for UN adoption of an International Declaration on the Right of Children for an Education without Violence and for Non-Violence and Peace. The Culture of Peace Working Group of the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns (a Committee of the Conferences of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations) brings together NGO representatives at the UN to work for the goals of the Decade.

<u>Sustainable Economic and Social Development</u> (9%, 28%) The Grameen Bank has revolutionized development models with the success of its system of microcredits. This was recognized by the Nobel Prize for Peace in 2006.

At the level of local government, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability promotes international performance-based, results-oriented campaigns and programs for sustainable development. This includes capacity-building events, development of action plans and measurement standards, management training, support for sustainable procurement, and specific programs for water management, biodiversity, local renewable resources and sustainable transport.

On a theoretical level, the Worldwatch Institute, an independent research organization, is recognized by opinion leaders around the world for its accessible, fact-based analysis of critical global issues. The Institute's three main program areas include Climate & Energy, Food & Agriculture, and the Green Economy. Its research is used by over 150 partners in 40 countries.

Respect for all Human Rights (7%, 33%) As social and consumer accountability has become more common there has been great progress in the power of the buyer. The report of the International Labor Rights Forum describes many campaigns based on educating and mobilizing consumers that have abolished child labor practices and promoted the labor rights of workers exploited by multinational corporations.

Throughout the Decade, the European Forum for Restorative Justice has promoted this important alternative approach to justice through its biennial conferences.

The indivisibility of human rights and extreme poverty has been at the heart of the many actions described by the Mouvement International ATD Quart Monde. These include, for example: encouragement of street children in West Africa to support their families; microcredits for women in Central America to buy land or housing; fresh water to rural communities in South America, etc.

Equality between Women and Men (8%, 24%) International organizations of women in Africa have been at the forefront of the struggle for women's equality. These include the Federation of African Women's Peace Networks, African members of the International Federation of University Women and the Organisation Panafricane des Femmes. The project "Building Peace among Children" which trains young leaders in Africa to run peace projects is funded by the Soroptimists and described by the sponsoring organization, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Important UN initiatives for women's equality are supported by major civil society organizations. For example, the campaign to end violence against women is supported by the extensive work of Women in Cities International, as described in their report. The UN Study on Freedom of Religion of Belief and the Status of Women from the Viewpoint of Religion and Traditions is supported by the Women's United Nations Report.

<u>Democratic Participation</u> (3%, 23%) In 2008, United Cities and Local Governments organized the First World Conference on City Diplomacy, The Role of Local Governments in Conflict Prevention, Peace-building and Post-Conflict Reconstruction. The Conference issued the Hague Agenda for City Diplomacy, which stated, inter alia, "UCLG will stimulate the development of initiatives of local governments to promote a culture of peace within their own municipalities."

<u>Understanding</u>, <u>Tolerance and Solidarity</u> (10%, 39%) A great variety of action programs have promoted international understanding, tolerance and solidarity.

Inter-religious dialogue is promoted by many contributing organizations, including the Institute of Interreligious Studies, Pax Christi, United Religions Initiative (URI), the World Council of Churches and the World Conference on Religion and Peace. For example, URI reports, "Since the signing of our charter in 2000, we have touched the lives of more than 1.5 million people of different faiths in over 73 countries through our 465 interfaith Cooperation Circles (CCs), whose 320,000 members are overcoming religious and cultural differences to

work together in their communities and regions to combat violence and meet urgent human needs."

Tourism can be a powerful force for the culture of peace, as shown by the International Institute for Peace through Tourism with its conferences, symposiums and workshops involving ministries of tourism and tourism businesses, peace tours, university seminars and courses, solidarity actions, etc.

The arts are employed for the culture of peace by international organizations such as the International Forum for the Literature and Culture of Peace, the Conseil International de la Danse, the Agencia Internacional para el Fomento de Acciones con Hip-Hop and the Art Miles Mural Project.

Service Civil International, with its 40 branches and 100 partner organizations in Europe, North America, Latin America, the Middle East, Asia and Africa, organizes "long and short-term voluntary work projects to give young people from different countries an opportunity to live and work together on a project with the aim of breaking down barriers between people and increasing international understanding." In recent years these are increasingly dedicated to peace education.

Participatory Communication and Free Flow of Information and Knowledge (6%, 19%) Signis (World Catholic Association for Communication) has addressed the "big media" emphasis on violence, hatred, racism and terrorism by which some of their journalists perform the "specialized role of war correspondents." They have asked their members, who work in many communication activities (from radio to internet, TV to cinema) in over 140 countries to make the promotion of a culture of peace through the media a priority.

The International Youth Media Summit trains youth from around the world in media literacy, media education and education in media as the main tool for peace and democracy.

Diffusion and exchange of culture of peace information via the Internet has become the major instrument for several international organizations, notably the Culture of Peace News Network, the Good News Agency and the Education for Peace Globalnet.

International Peace and Security (10%, 34%) The actions of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) were so successful that they received the Nobel Peace Prize for 1997. As described in their report, "the Mine Ban Treaty, adopted in 1997, has turned the vision of a mine-free world into a reality we can achieve in our lifetime. Use of antipersonnel mines is now a rare occurrence and trade is almost non-existent." This was achieved, as they describe, through lobbying, dialogue, participation in meetings, correspondence, missions, campaigns using advocacy communication tools, and outreach with expert information to the media and public.

In recent years, the ICBL brought its collaboration and shared its knowledge to also bring about the Convention on Cluster Munitions. The report from the Cluster Munitions Coalition describes how this was achieved largely through the efforts of civil society.

Another major advance during the Decade, the International Criminal Court, was largely inspired by civil society, as described in the report by the Coalition for the International Criminal Court. The Coalition, founded in 1955, has grown exponentially over the years "as its original goal of establishing the Court has grown to include the larger goal of guaranteeing the Court's fair, effective and independent functioning."

Nonviolent Peaceforce, constituted in 2002, has deployed international, trained, civilian field teams to Guatemala, Sri Lanka, Philippines and Sudan upon invitation by local civil society. They have built "capacity for nonviolent intervention through trainings, assessment, recruitment, rosters, and rapid response mechanisms for crisis areas."

The Global Alliance for Ministries and Departments of Peace, since 2005, has increased its membership to 35 countries, and has contributed to the creation of two of the three existing Ministries for Peace in the world (now in Costa Rica, Nepal and the Solomon Islands). It continues to carry out campaigns for: "a resolution to the UN General Assembly calling for ministries and departments of peace, or other infrastructures of peace, in all countries; promoting the formation of national peace academies, national commissions on peace and civilian peace services to function both domestically and abroad."

The struggle for nuclear disarmament continues to engage many international organizations including the International Peace Bureau, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Soka Gakkai, which launched in 2007 the People's Decade campaign to increase the number of people who reject nuclear weapons and choose a culture of peace. Mayors for Peace runs campaigns in and around the framework of the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty (NPT): "We have attended all NPT-related conferences, working to build international consensus and coordination among abolitionists. We have held numerous conferences to bring cities and NGOs together to struggle together against nuclear weapons."

Some **PROGRESS** is reported by all of the 51 reports of 2010 addressing this question, although in some cases the progress was accompanied by setbacks. Here are some representative quotations:

"In early 2006 few people believed a ban on clusters was possible, or even a specific law restricting their use; but less than four years later we have a global ban treaty signed by 103 countries." – Cluster Munition Coalition

"As some call it a sea change, there has been a dramatic increase of the topic of interfaith dialogue and cooperation taken up not only by NGOs but also among the Member States and in partnership among the governments, UN and NGOs." – Soka Gakkai

"The past decade has witnessed an unprecedented mobilization of efforts to combat the world's accelerating ecological crisis. (...) Despite all of this momentum, most of the world's key ecological indicators signal a continued downward spiral, and the most important environmental summit of the past decade—in Copenhagen in December 2009—fell far short of expectations." – Worldwatch Institute

**OBSTACLES** are reported by nearly all of the 47 reports of 2010 addressing this question. Here are some representative quotations:

"As during the first half of the Decade, media attention to the Decade and support by UNESCO have been insufficient." – International Coalition for the Decade

"A recurring challenge for youth peace organizations like UNOY Peacebuilders is obtaining funding for the various projects. This is related to the fact that funders tend to support existing, traditional, bigger organizations and not new youth organizations. (...) The concept of a Culture of Peace is still an unknown concept amongst the general public, especially in Europe. For instance, more people know about the Millennium Development Goals and their measurable and time-specific goals." – United Network of Young Peacebuilders – UNOY

"The news media and entertainment media present a very real obstacle to peace for both adults and children. There is a steady stream daily of films, television shows, video games and Internet promotion of blatant sexuality, lack of self esteem, violent behaviors, lack of regard for human rights and lack of respect for human life." – Committee on a Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World

#### B. Africa

A total of 136 African organizations have participated in the Decade Report. Testimonies of the efforts undertaken have been submitted from Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

Culture of Peace through Education, followed by Respect for all Human Rights, and Social and Economic Sustainable Development are the predominant domains of action. Most of the organizations are community-based organizations, and mainly develop activities as conferences and trainings related to peace issues, mostly targeted to youth.

<u>Culture of Peace through Education</u> (most important priority 71%, secondary priority 81%) The most extended practices in this area are seminars and conferences on peace issues, followed by longer activities, as trainings on conflict resolution skills. Almost half of the organizations celebrate symbolic acts as the international day of peace, or other international days, vigils, peace caravans, peace camps, peace through arts or sports.

Culture of peace is enshrined in the schools' structures through the creation of peace groups, the designation of youth peace ambassadors, or the inclusion of peace education curriculum in all parts of the school along with the involvement of the community. Some initiatives not to be forgotten guarantee the access to education of those most needed as war orphans or children of detainee women. As the Somali Youth Development Network (SOYDEN) argues, peace education promotes "self-reliance and empowerment in the local community through application of transformation strategies aimed toward resolution of injustices."

<u>Sustainable Economic and Social Development</u> (8%, 47%) The most frequent projects in this field are sustainable development micro-projects, reforestation, environmental sanitation, or the invitation of politicians to needed areas that urge development measures. The Agenda for Community Development (AFCODE-Nigeria) offers professional skills' training "with community residents who are experienced professionals and artisans (...) as the springboard for broader community participation."

Respect for all Human Rights (8%, 51%) Actions regarding respect of human rights cover awareness and trainings about the rights of the people, advocacy activities such as reports on human rights violations, and intervention activities, as the assistance to victims of war, HIV infected orphans and less privileged children, or women ex-prisoners. The Cercle de Recherche sur les Droits et les Devoirs de la Personne Humaine (Cameroon), is "promoting within the UN mechanisms (...) new international standards relevant to human rights" such as a Declaration on the principles for validation of democratic elections, a General Convention on International Migrations, and a Code for freedom of expression and association.

<u>Equality between Women and Men</u> (4%, 40%) Some activities to promote an equitable role of women in society are related to training on gender mainstreaming, forums on women's

role in peace advocacy, the promotion of women's cooperatives in rural areas, of women's alphabetization, etc. The Caucus for Women's Leadership (Kenya), for example, has organized several women peace exchanges.

<u>Democratic Participation</u> (2%, 35%) Workshops and trainings on democratic leadership and electoral issues are the most common educational actions to promote democratic participation. Other initiatives include electoral observation or the promotion of local participatory interethnic mechanisms with traditional elders, women and youth.

<u>Understanding</u>, <u>Tolerance and Solidarity</u> (3%, 43%) Organizations have promoted understanding, tolerance and solidarity by creating common inter-religious or interethnic spaces, as inter-ethnic dialogue with leaders and intellectuals, ecumenical prayers, or an interfaith youth network. Awareness activities such as conferences, workshops, or the publication of materials have also been undertaken. Regarding solidarity, some activities target people in need, such as refugees or internally displaced people.

Participatory Communication and Free Flow of Information and Knowledge (3%, 37%) Many organizations mention writing articles in newspapers for culture of peace. Organizing journalist trainings on peace journalism is another form for promoting the free flow of information. The UNESCO Club from Port-Bouet, as well, has empowered youth leaders by reinforcing "the climate of peace in Côte d'Ivoire through peace and nonviolence via information and computing technologies (ICTs)."

<u>International Peace and Security</u> (2%, 38%) While some organizations organize workshops and awareness programs on small arms or de-mining, others act on demobilized people, counseling them to leave the weapons and facilitating their reintegration. Some organizations as the Organisation Panafricaine des Femmes (OPF-Angola) work for the implementation of the Women's Agenda for Culture of peace in Africa. The Federation of African Women's Peace Networks (FERFAP-Rwanda) is also "campaigning for a profound reform of international organizations and institutions targeting world equity for the populations."

**PROGRESS:** In the second half of the Decade, more than two thirds (69%) of the relevant answers of the organizations report they have seen progress, either in their constituencies or at the state level; One fifth consider some advances have been made, but there is still a lot to do, while only 10 % of the answers consider there is no progress at all. These results are slightly more pessimistic than in 2005. Most of the progress refers to the awareness of culture of peace, the development of skills for conflict resolution, and the reduction of violence at the school level.

At the state level, some organizations celebrate the end of civil wars, for example through "the adoption in Benin of a Family Code that points out equality between women and men." – Centre Panafricain de Prospective Sociale (Benin) Some organizations, such as Teachers Without Borders (Nigeria) or the Rwanda Women Community Development Network have been internationally awarded for their good practices.

OBSTACLES: The most serious obstacle to peace is armed conflict, sometimes meaning a strong insecurity for peacebuilders, either because they are threatened because of their activity, or because armed conflict related violence makes their work difficult. More than 90% of the organizations mention significant financial difficulties. Many of them, especially the small ones, complain about the lack of support either by the state, the UN or both. The World Peace Embassy (Cameroon), for example, points out that this lack of cooperation "turns the integration [of peace education] in school institutions almost impossible."

#### C. Arab States

Many of the 72 contributing organizations from Arab States are active at the local and national level. The majority are nongovernmental organizations and there are some educational, research and training centers, most of them hosted by local universities. Reporting organizations are active in Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen.

The majority of the organizations put their highest priority in *Culture of Peace through Education* followed by *Sustainable Economic and Social Development* and *Respect for all Human Rights*, as indicated below by the numbers in parentheses. Almost all organizations work in more than one domain of action at the same time.

<u>Culture of Peace through Education</u> (most important priority 27%, secondary priority 86%) Educational activities for peace were organized mainly for youth populations. These activities focused on educational projects in schools and universities through training for teachers and students. Actions were also undertaken to promote a culture of peace through research, dissemination, publications and workshops. Several organizations have also been involved in policy and advocacy work, and sensitization activities were organized through congresses, conferences, marches, campaigns, festivals and exhibitions.

"Through various cultural events, such as the One World Peace Festival, the Movement encourages young minds not to combat differences, but instead to explain and understand them. It works to help them to appreciate the importance of social interaction and dialogue as foundations for promoting a culture of peace." – The Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (Arab region).

<u>Sustainable Economic and Social Development</u> (15%, 50%) Extensive activities were carried out, ranging from environment protection to the improvement of social and economic conditions at a local level.

"APNEK-Tunisia centered its activities on the concepts of 'Environmental Citizenship' whereby environmental protection is seen as an ideal way of getting people to experience citizenship as a focal point of participation / governance, democracy, rule of law, solidarity, peace."

Respect for all Human Rights (19% 93%) Organizations working specifically on human rights engaged in reports, campaigns, seminars and workshops. Also they provided legal advice to victims (women, immigrants, refugees).

"[Our] most important activities [among others] are: conducting a study on the humanitarian condition of refugee camps in Lebanon, organizing an international conference advocating the Palestinians' right of return [...] and calling for the entitlement to civil, political, social, cultural and economic rights." – Palestinian Association for Human Rights (Lebanon)

**Equality between Women and Men** (8%, 64%) Many of the women's organizations were involved in the other domain actions as well as women's equality. Their activities ranged from peace education trainings to income-generating activities and health-promotion activities.

For example, the Egyptian Foundation for Family Development works on "women rights [and] combating violence against women project; through raising the social and family awareness of violence and its bad sequences to put methodology for peace and tolerance; through special hearing center and providing legal, social and psychological support."

<u>Democratic Participation</u> (13%, 64%) Some organizations encouraged democratic participation by organizing international seminars, multimedia workshops, summits and forums about media and democracy, often with a focus on young people.

"Adwar Initiative (...) has produced a basic system to manage the ongoing activities and the organization of the initiative. (...) All youth motivated to work for their society are accepted to become members in the general assembly. (...) The direct democratic system of the initiative organization itself is a very interesting and educative model for democratic and positive participation." – Adwar Initiative (Egypt)

<u>Understanding</u>, <u>Tolerance and Solidarity</u> (10%, 86%) A number of faith-based and community organizations promoted understanding, tolerance and solidarity by organizing a variety of local activities. These activities were often aimed at providing people with the opportunity to discuss matters around identity, faith and local issues.

"The Scouts Musulmans Algériens (SMA) (...) with more than 95,000 adherents [work] on all the national territory in the domain of the educational, social scientific and cultural development of the young boys and girls of Algeria on the basis of principle of fraternity aiming at peace among the population and peoples of the world." – Scouts Musulmans Algériens – SMA (Algeria)

<u>Participatory Communication and Free Flow of Information and Knowledge</u> (6%, 71%) Although few organizations report that this is their highest priority, many provide information about peace to a wide audience. Several have established online libraries and many have distributed DVDs, videos, brochures or pamphlets that promote a culture of peace.

<u>International Peace and Security</u> (2%, 36%) Although just one organization reports that this is their highest priority, its activity seems to be very relevant:

"This was a pilot project and was targeting 130 officers from 5 security apparatus in Hebron area/West Bank. The aim of the project was the preparation of the security forces for the fusion in the peace process, and to enhance their capabilities for participating in building stable civil Palestinian society. During the project implementation the officers were trained in human rights concepts, culture of peace and the use of peaceful techniques in conflict management and resolution." – Ta'awon: Palestinian Conflict Resolution Institute (Palestine)

**PROGRESS** is reported by all of the 17 reports of 2010 addressing this question. Many organizations report a growing interest in the issues of peace and tolerance amongst the people they are working with, including students, teachers and the general public. Here are some examples:

"Through training activities, we have witnessed an increasing number of participants and people becoming more interested in our activities and in peace actions in general." – The Institute for Peace Studies (Egypt)

"It has been found out that schools dropout rates were reduced, youth became more engaged, online content increased drastically and collaborative projects among children across borders were produced and newsletters among nations were exchanged to communicate about issues of conflict in a friendly and peaceful manner." – World Links Arab Region

**OBSTACLES** are reported by 15 of the 17 reports of 2010 addressing this question. Most of the obstacles mentioned in the 2005 Report remain the same. Insufficient, inadequate funding is a universal obstacle. Another major obstacle concerns human expertise, as more technical assistance is needed for building capacity, project implementation, sustainability and marketing to target greater participation from civil society and the private sector. The mass media is found to be a major obstacle. Likewise, the conflict between Israel and Palestine is a major hindrance to peace. Here are some examples:

"[S]ometimes the society is not ready for a positive change because of cultural meaning, lack of knowledge and skills, ways of communication which is not same from a region to another, and then at the end funding issues are always of the big problems to work on this arenas as long as the donors most of time don't have this topic in their agenda." – Association AGIR Pour le Développement et l'Épanouissement de la Jeunesse (Algeria)

"The biggest obstacle the CCRR faces in conducting its activities is the occupation. Many times the restriction of movement between the Palestinian cities caused the delay of workshops. In general, the occurrence of events such as assassinations, kidnappings, home demolitions or attacks inside Israel can affect the general mood tremendously." – The Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation – CCRR (Palestine)

#### D. East Asia and Australasia

Data were provided for the Decade by 52 organizations from the following countries: Australia, Cambodia, China, East Timor, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, as well as the regional organizations Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding and Mayors for Peace.

Most organizations in the region work closely with other NGOs and municipal associations, community centers and schools, as well as in strengthening international links and collaboration with regional organizations and networks in the Asia Pacific region, as well as international organizations such as the United Nations and UNESCO.

<u>Culture of Peace through Education</u> (most important priority 64%, secondary priority 70%) Most efforts in the region are still being put on education for peace. The Asia Pacific Center for Education for International Understanding (APCEIU), in collaboration with National Commissions of UNESCO in the Asia-Pacific conducted situational analysis of Education for International Understanding (EIU) and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) for educational planning towards the promotion of a culture of peace in the Asia-Pacific region. Peace Education has been widely promoted during the second half of the Decade through both formal and non-formal education, such as the expansion of the implementation of peace education to more schools in rural towns, as well as engaging parents and offering more access to parent education. The Center for Peace Education in the Philippines has advocated the mainstreaming of peace education in basic education and teacher education, and in China, teacher training courses are being standardized in academic programs.

Sustainable Economic and Social Development (3%, 16%) Reports of the International Day of Peace show initiatives linking 'going green' and 'peace.' In Hong Kong, the Chinese YMCA held local peace photography competitions to encourage environmental protection through reusing and recycling. In Australasia, initiatives include the Earthdance Prayer for Peace in Adelaide, where people came together with the intention of healing the Earth, and waterawareness raising activities related to peace and the environment were conducted.

Respect for all Human Rights (8%, 24%) Programs on this field are shown through local initiatives and celebrations of the International Day of Peace in the region, especially in the framework of the rights to freedom of religion, expression, and movement, as well as the promotion of the respect for the fundamental rights of vulnerable groups, such as women and children. Human rights are also further advocated for through educational resources, teacher-student programs, including interfaith gatherings. Recommendations on promoting culture-sensitive human rights education, and education in response to migration issues were formulated in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Equality between Women and Men** (0%, 11%) Actions in this area are reported through initiatives that address the Millennium Development Goals as well as gender equality. It has also been considered as a transversal element in the work of some organizations. Efforts are

being made to showcase the leadership of women in peacemaking at home and abroad, to facilitate the equal participation of women in the settlement of conflicts and disputes, and raise awareness about women in armed conflict.

**Democratic Participation** (3%, 14%) Democratic participation is reflected by the participation of different groups in promoting the culture of peace at the local and regional level. Outreach to groups with fewer opportunities is seen to be clearly impacting the wider community. Organizations like World Youth Foundation (WYF) in Malaysia continue to work to advance youth participation in the region. This increased participation of different actors, from senior citizens, to multi-faith groups, to children and teachers and young people, was made possible through creative means in reaching out to different targets. One example is the participation of surfers who took peace messages to the waters of the bay and grandmothers brandishing pots, pans and drums for peace for one minute on 23 September 2006. In Thailand, simultaneous marches took place with participating organizations such as the Thai Action Committee for Democracy in Burma, International Burmese Monks Organization, as well as other organizations from other countries who joined in solidarity.

<u>Understanding</u>, <u>Tolerance and Solidarity</u> (11%, 35%) Increasing understanding and solidarity within the region's diverse cultures are evident through joint interfaith and intercultural events. Organizations mention the importance of promoting understanding of the diverse cultures and faith of countries, particularly among the younger generations, through live music, yoga, food fairs, meditation and multi-faith dialogues. In Japan, college students from six Asian nations discussed how to improve historic resentment between their countries and Japan. Programs have been developed to increase understanding between Muslims and Christians. The concept of "solidarity organizations" was also mentioned as the coming together of members of peace, human rights, environmental, and other types of groups in celebration of peace activities.

Participatory Communication and Free Flow of Information and Knowledge (0%, 8%) From 2006 to 2008, PeaceTech, Inc. (Philippines) has introduced the use of information and computing technology (ICT), particularly mass videoconferencing, to bridge the youth in interfaith dialogues and workshops. In their words, the culture of peace can be strengthened as a global movement "by leveraging ICT and using it as a way to connect peoples on a mass-scale." Efforts are being done in creating awareness of cultural differences at the local, national and international level as well as identifying existing common ground for understanding, and promoting the use of mass media and ICTs for the promotion of peace, dialogue and nonviolence.

International Peace and Security (11%, 30%) In the Philippines, the gun culture has become very attractive to young men, and advocating for a holistic approach and understanding of peace in relation to security has been a major aim of education. Seminars on small arms and light weapons (SALW) that highlight the need to challenge the war system are held at the global level, as well as educational workshops, arms control public events that reinforce the culture of peace. The region has also engaged in specific disarmament-related campaigns, such as the UN Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). In Japan, Mayors for Peace has engaged in campaigns in and around the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) framework and against gun violence, promoting and campaigning for arms control.

**PROGRESS:** Reported events for the International Day of Peace continue to grow year after year, as mentioned in all reports. The Teaching and Learning for Peace Foundation believes that teacher education and youth engagement in relation to community peacebuilding have been essential to continually build and sustain cultures of peace.

"We have seen some progress but more needs to be done. At the local level people are more aware of one another's culture and respect and understand the sensitivities. At international level young people are keen to contribute as good ambassadors of peace." – World Youth Foundation (Malaysia)

"The issue of nuclear weapons has gone from total hopelessness and obscurity to a highpriority issue for the international community, including the nuclear-weapon states. Public awareness has increased greatly." – Mayors for Peace (Japan and International)

"It is also positively influencing the families of the children, potentially resulting in change of culture to one of cooperation, unity and caring." – The Children's Virtues Development Project (China)

OBSTACLES: As similarly reported in 2005, the lack of sustained funding is still seen as a major obstacle in the region. The lack of 'quality' resources, including information and knowledge transfer about peacebuilding efforts and the inefficiency in conducting peace programs has also been mentioned. Many organizations in the region report that the lack of coordination and connection with other global actors and peace movements has also affected the slow progress of the culture of peace. Organizations continue to refer to the lack of communication channels with the United Nations and other international NGOs, as mentioned also in 2005.

"The main obstacle in the culture of peace is the lack of knowledge of most partners [even] after campaigning for the culture of peace for a decade in the UN system." – Generation Peace Youth Network (Philippines)

"In general, the subject of peace is new to the people of Hong Kong, especially with 'peace education,' which require[s] huge efforts to be effective. As a start-up, normally manpower and financial support are the constraints." – Peace International Foundation (China)

"Media has no ears for the culture of peace and nonviolence, they never want to participate in peace activities." – The Japanese Society for Developing the Culture of Peace (Japan)

#### E. Europe

Data were provided for the Report by 234 organizations from the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania,

Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and United Kingdom.

A large percentage of organizations gave high priority to the areas of *Culture of Peace through Education* as well as *Understanding, Tolerance and Solidarity*. Reports on the International Day of Peace were recorded by 36 countries, indicating that this campaign is considered a high priority to promote the culture of peace.

<u>Culture of Peace through Education</u> (most important priority 56%, secondary priority 89%) Throughout the Decade there have been many and varied initiatives of peace education. These include both formal and non-formal education as well as political participation with the community and the development of proposals submitted to local governments to improve the education system. Many of the formal education activities are in schools for teacher training, materials development and awareness and sensitization activities that accompany the curriculum. In higher education, there are graduate programs for research and the development of projects such as the UNESCO Chair of Philosophy for Peace, Universitat Jaume I from Spain.

With regards to non-formal education, the Centro Internazionale per la Promozione dell'Educazione e lo Sviluppo – CEIPES (Italy) has developed regional and local courses such as "Human Rights Education as a Tool to Promote Individual and Community Development" to guide teachers and workers on the various methodologies and pedagogical tools of non-formal education and its relevance to human rights education. The Center for Peace Research and Peace Education at Klagenfurt University (Austria) has established a network in 2006, involving educators in German-speaking countries such as Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Austria.

In order to promote the importance of education for peace and facilitate access to resources on this topic, the organization École de la Paix from France, has developed a resource center, documentation and training in the Democratic Republic of the Congo that aims to contribute to development and financing of a global network of schools of peace.

Awareness-raising has been done through numerous conferences, festivals, workshops, artistic performances and exhibitions, including the "Salon international des Initiatives de Paix" with 10,000 visitors produced by the Coordination française pour la Décennie from France. It is also necessary to highlight the Seminar Galego led by Education for Peace. This event will be held from 3 to 16 December 2010 in the city of Santiago de Compostela in Spain, and aims to celebrate the end of the Decade through several activities including an International Conference, a meeting of High Level Group of the Alliance of Civilizations, along with the Commission of Nobel Peace Prize and the coordinators of the Decade, and the World Education Forum on the theme "Education, Research and Culture of Peace."

Finally, the European region has seen important contributions from three peace museums: Museum voor Vrede in Geweldloosheid (Museum for Peace and Nonviolence) in the Netherlands, the Museum of Peacekeeping Operations in the Russian Federation and the Peace Museum of Gernika in Spain. These museums report about actions on the promotion of the

culture of peace, historical memory and reconciliation through activities such as art and thematic exhibitions, resource centers and commemorative events.

<u>Sustainable Economic and Social Development</u> (9%, 43%) Many activities are framed as the promotion and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals to influence local environmental protection, emphasizing shared responsibility between governments and citizens for security policy development and environmental sustainability. Organizations such as Netværket from Denmark have developed regional projects on sustainable urban development with emphasis on poverty eradication, as a fundamental step for people to advocate for theirs and everyone's rights.

Respect for all Human Rights (8%, 65%) In the second half of the Decade organizations emphasized respect for rights such as freedom of religion and conscience. Similarly, they promoted respect for the rights of immigrants and vulnerable groups such as women, children, people with disabilities and older adults. Organizations such as the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki from Greece, held events to promote human rights such as "The dynamics of Human Rights" Interdisciplinary Round Table and the "Children's rights: violations and protection – International Conventions and actions in the field" Round Table, in collaboration with the National Greek Committee of UNICEF. Both events were held in 2008. According to the Malta Gay Rights Movement, there is progress in the struggle for knowledge and respect of freedoms and rights of the LGBT community. According to Social Aid of Hellas from Greece there is also an increase in the participation of international and European networks through congresses, research and campaigns promoting the respect for human rights in the region.

<u>Equality between Women and Men</u> (2%, 46%) In this respect some organizations are making strategies for gender equality with a high component of peace education. Among these are from Armenia Women for Development from Armenia, who developed the project "Education for Peace and Conflict Resolution in Schools of Gyumri" where children are trained in the culture of peace and conflict resolution.

**Democratic Participation** (5%, 57%) Young people have organized local and regional seminars, forums and multimedia workshops to increase the participation of youth as well as society at large in building community projects. Youth organizations have fostered democratic participation in various ways. As an example, Jeugd & Vrede in Belgium has promoted the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World 2001-2010 in both Belgium and in advocacy at the United Nations. Another form of participation is promoted by the organization Berghof Conflict Research (BCR) from Germany, which sponsored during 2000 and 2003 a project of participation and peaceful integration of youth and civil society who were refugees in the Drina region.

<u>Understanding, Tolerance and Solidarity</u> (14%, 73%) Most of the faith-based organizations promote reflection and practice of these values to promote intercultural dialogue and youth participation in solving local problems. Other organizations such as The World Academy of Arts, Literature, and Media in England promote this area through cultural diplomacy. They presented international academy awards in 2005, 2006 and 2008 in Budapest

and London in festivals involving artists, journalists, musicians, writers and human rights advocates from more than 10 nationalities.

The organization House of Erasmus of Rotterdam (Netherlands), has promoted dialogue, tolerance, respect and responsibility through events like the Symposium on World Citizens and Cosmopolitans, entitled "Kosmopolis: Het Ei van Erasmus," co-organized with Erasmus University Rotterdam and the Foundation for Peace Sciences. To celebrate the birthday of Erasmus (28 October) a symposium entitled: "Erasmus en Gülen: Inspirators voor Vrede en Dialoog" (Erasmus and Gülen: Inspirers for Peace and Dialogue) was organized by the Dialog Academie together with House of Erasmus in 2007 and 2008.

Finally, the Asociación Centro de Investigación por la Paz Gernika Gogoratuz from Spain, has celebrated since 1991 the International Conference on Culture and Peace, which include subjects as: "The recognition of people and communities between control, justice and love in peace building" (2010), "Stories of life, symbolic places and reconstruction of identities in the peace building" (2009) and "Cosmopolitanism and local peace building" (2008).

Participatory Communication and Free Flow of Information and Knowledge (0%, 38%) In this area one can appreciate two kinds of action. The first is by organizations whose main task is to promote and support alternative media to develop information and communication skills promoting the culture of peace and respect for human rights. The second consists of communication strategies that organizations carry out internally and externally to promote their work, provide accountability and community participation through videos, websites, publications, etc.

<u>International Peace and Security</u> (6%, 58%) A wide range of initiatives for peace and security were organized across the European region. The most noteworthy campaigns involved videos, publications and conferences against nuclear proliferation and arms transfers. Organizations such as Mouvement de la Paix from France have sent delegations to Hiroshima, Israel and Palestine for the resolution of armed conflict and to the UN to revise the Non-Proliferation Treaty. Finally, there are those actions aimed at peacebuilding through education of children and youth and campaigns such as the International Day of Peace, which has enjoyed the participation of 35 countries in the region.

**PROGRESS** is reported by 90 of the 109 reports addressing this question in 2010.

The United Nations Association of Sweden and many other organizations say that it is difficult to measure and assess their progress in an objective way, because the culture of peace culture is a wide and complex subject, the analysis of which requires an extensive time perspective.

Organizations value highly the enrichment of the concepts of peace and culture of peace and its positive impact on educational, community and political participation in local government. According to Youth Action for Peace (YAP) from Italy, the enrichment of these concepts has expanded the network of international and regional organizations that help promote a culture of peace.

Many of the organizations believe that one of the major breakthroughs of the Decade has been the development, consolidation and expansion of peace education at all levels of education. This development contributes to the work of organizations like the Center for Research on Peace Education (CERPE) of Israel, which has confirmed the importance of peace education as a way to decrease participation in war and increase social participation of young people.

**OBSTACLES** are reported by 55 of the 109 reports addressing this question in 2010.

Some organizations indicate that there are still major obstacles, especially ones related to individual and social attitudes toward peacebuilding, because the media often use violent and discriminatory language while local media needs to have more space for participation.

Likewise, some organizations note with concern the rise of Islamophobia in many countries in Europe and the activism of the extreme right. These have a negative impact on religious freedom and the inter-religious dialogue. Finally, organizations face financial difficulties that prevent them from having a stronger local impact.

#### F. Latin America and the Caribbean

This section is based on reports from the following countries in the region: Argentina, Aruba, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.

230 organizations from Latin America and the Caribbean have contributed to the Decade Report. As in other regions, most of them have been working actively at the local level.

Both national and international organizations have been working in the region on different action domains, for example: Cooperation Internationale pour les Équilibres Locaux – CIELO (*Culture of Peace through Education*); Red Global de Religiones a favor de la Niñez para America Latina y el Caribe (*Culture of Peace through Education*); Foundation for Self-Sufficiency in Central America (*Sustainable Economic and Social Development*); INAUCO (*Sustainable Economic and Social Development*); Yachay Wasi (*Sustainable Economic and Social Development*); Let Spirit Run Free (*Respect for all Human Rights*); Ciudades Educadoras America Latina, Municipalidad de Rosario (*Culture of Peace through Education*); Consejo Latinoamericano de investigación para la Paz – CLAIP (*Democratic Participation*).

Organizations from different countries and working in different areas made a significant contribution both in the Midterm Decade Report of 2005 and in this Final Report, including: Mil Milenios (Argentina), Associação Brasileira dos Organizadores de Festivais de Folclore e Artes Populares – ABrasOFFA (Brazil), América Madre (Argentina), UNIPAZ (Brazil), Education for Peace Globalnet (Brazil), and Eco-cidadão (Brazil). Additional organizations joined in the Final Report: the Instituto Brasileiro de Educação para a Vida – IBEV (Brazil) (created during the elaboration of the Midterm Decade Report) and the Centro de Instrução para Operações de Paz – CI Op Paz (Peacekeeping Operation Training Center) (Brazil).

<u>Culture of Peace through Education</u> (most important priority 58%, secondary priority 94%) A large number of organizations in the region have *Culture of Peace through Education* as the main priority. Education in the formal, non-formal and informal domains has been pointed out as the main tool for promoting the culture of peace. The Universidad de Los Andes in Venezuela presents a good overview of the progress: "We have seen that, after having received training through our programs, organizations and institutions have adopted the notion of a Culture of Peace in the way they operate and respond to their sociopolitical context." At the personal level, the Instituto de la Paz Juan F. Pepén, in the Dominican Republic, reports various participant testimonies, which gives a grasp of how a culture of peace can improve human life. A participant states, "In reality, I did not even have a clear vision about peace. Now I understand better what is the true peace and what I have to incorporate with my actions to build it. My way of seeing and being has changed."

<u>Sustainable Economic and Social Development</u> (8%, 56%) Various culture of peace initiatives focusing on this area have contributed to improving people's lives. For example, the organization Onward Colombia has been "structuring projects for community organizations and

micro-business, aiming to manage resources to be able to make productive or to improve existing activities which will allow people to obtain their own income and job from that."

Respect for all Human Rights (14%, 82%) Human rights have been a priority in most of the reports. In Colombia, the Department of Philosophy at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana has been implementing the program Provísame: "a supporting program for victims of violence, aimed at the reconstruction of community and personal life projects."

<u>Equality between Women and Men</u> (3%, 73%) Gender issues have been present in the culture of peace issues and women have been gaining space. The Federación Mexicana de Universitarias "has been working in favor of the development of women as a fundamental element to achieve the integral development of communities."

<u>Democratic Participation</u> (4%, 74%) Democratic participation is another important action domain in the region. In Panama, the Consejo de Educación de Adultos de América Latina – CEAAL gives a typical example of the activities carried out during the Decade: "contributions to strengthen civil society networks in the region and the promotion of timely discussions about the impact of civil society."

<u>Understanding</u>, <u>Tolerance and Solidarity</u> (9%, 75%) the organization América Madre has contributed immensely with reports showing activities being developed in different countries at different levels. America Madre says: "Our organization will continue expanding, creating networks which will take us to strengthen our project activities."

<u>Participatory Communication and Free Flow of Information and Knowledge</u> (3%, 60%) Organizations have been promoting media literacy and alternative media in order to develop critical thinking, hence promoting the culture of peace.

<u>International Peace and Security</u> (1%, 60%) The Centro de Instrução para Operações de Paz – CI Op Paz (Peacekeeping Operation Training Center) (Brazil) affirms that being "part of a military institution whose main mission is to form and prepare combatants to war" is controversial. However, its "preparation of 'soldiers of peace'" is spreading "nonviolence awareness (...) in the armed forces." Soldiers are starting to understand that "peace and security would only be achieved in peace missions when the troops, the military staff and observers developed a vision of commitment to a culture of peace and nonviolence in UN peace missions."

**PROGRESS** is clearly pointed out in the reports of over 70 out of 78 organizations addressing the question during the second half of the Decade. Examples of their statements include:

"Yes, each day the network expands and actions are multiplied in favor of peace." – Consejo de Paz de la República Argentina

"ABrasOFFA, along with other actors promoting a culture of Peace and nonviolence, has created a Peace Committee in our city." – Associação Brasileira dos Organizadores de Festivais de Folclore e Artes Populares – ABrasOFFA (Brazil)

"The results achieved are very positive; people participating in culture of peace projects have become aware of how an active and conscious participation in actions towards peace promotes improvements in their lives." – Eco-cidadão (Brazil)

"Yes, this organization [itself] is an example [of progress]. We are the result of the effort of a group of people to strength the Culture of Peace movement. Children, adults and elderly people have seen the need for strengthening peace initiatives." – Instituto Brasileiro de Educação para a Vida – IBEV (Brazil)

**OBSTACLES** have been mainly related to lack of funding and governmental support, and not to the implementation of a culture of peace at the local level.

"No commitment from governmental authorities to finance initiatives to promote a culture of peace based on strategies to transform economic, cultural and structural violence." – Centro de Participación para la Paz y los Derechos Humanos – CePaDeHu (Argentina)

"The only obstacles are strictly financial, because it is evident that international cooperation is more in favor of development programs or purely political interests than giving support to culture of peace programs in its different expressions: human rights, education for a Culture of Peace, conflict transformation, violence, etc." – Instituto "Martin Luther King" de la Universidad Politécnica de Nicaragua

"Our obstacles were not having enough funds to conduct our workshops, to reach out to more communities. The support and need for the projects are always with us, within and without our boundaries, it is global – hence the reason we are online with the promotion." – International Education and Resource Network Trinidad and Tobago - iEARNTnT

"Puerto Rico lacks public policies towards a culture of peace, human rights and sustainable development. For example, there is no national plan for Human Rights Education, and not even a systematic plan to incorporate peace education in the formal education curriculum in the long term." – Cátedra UNESCO de Educación para la Paz – Universidad de Puerto Rico

#### G. North America

Many of the 95 participating organizations from North America (Canada and the United States) are active at the local level in their communities. In the 2005 Report, organizations were active in Calgary (Alberta), Cincinnati (Ohio), Hamilton (Ontario), Houston (Texas), New Haven (Connecticut), New York (New York), Northfield and St. Paul (Minnesota), Quabbin (Massachusetts), and Vancouver (British Columbia). In 2010 they are joined by additional organizations working in Atlanta (Georgia), Eugene (Oregon), Riverton (New Jersey) and Worcester (Massachusetts). Organizations working at a statewide level in 2005 in Connecticut and Minnesota are joined by additional organizations in 2010 working at a state or provincial level in Alberta, Iowa and New Hampshire. Reports about the celebration of the International Day of Peace are posted from 206 communities in Canada and the United States just for 2009.

The majority of the organizations put their highest priority on *Culture of Peace through Education* as well as *Understanding, Tolerance and Solidarity* as indicated below by the numbers in parentheses.

<u>Culture of Peace through Education</u> (most important priority 60%, secondary priority 91%) The largest number of local actions continues to involve the teaching and practice of mediation, restorative justice and other alternative forms of conflict resolution to settle disputes. In many cases this includes extensive programs in schools. Here is a typical description from Pax Educare: "We have continued our active promotion of the pedagogy of peace, through networking, mentoring and teaching, speaking, publication of our newsletter, resource and curricula support, youth nonviolence and leadership development workshops, sponsoring, with other organizations, educational venues which promote peace education." One initiative, Gandhi & King: A Season for Nonviolence, initiated in 1998, has grown to be celebrated, in 467 cities and 18 countries according to the report by its conveners, the Association for Global New Thought. Two US initiatives, the Nobel Peace Prize Forum and the Nobel Peace Laureate Project have brought the wisdom of Nobel peace laureates to a wide audience.

<u>Sustainable Economic and Social Development</u> (8%, 40%) At the local level this is achieved by programs such as the following reported from Northfield, Minnesota: "The Community Action Center provides food programs, housing and homeless services, clothing, information and medical service referral currently for about 1,000 households in the region. Most are employed/underemployed; many have suffered loss due to the downturned economy."

**Respect for all Human Rights** (6%, 47%) The Human Rights Commission of Northfield, Minnesota, reports that "each year the Commission has become more visible in the community and is looked to for support in various human rights efforts."

<u>Equality between Women and Men</u> (0%, 36%) While their highest priority is peace education in general, the US organization Women Against Military Madness exemplifies the leadership of women for peace through their major peace marches, weekly vigils and other peace-oriented initiatives and programs.

<u>Democratic Participation</u> (4%, 42%) The report of the US-based National Peace Academy provides details of considerable progress achieved in the last few years towards its establishment as an "an infrastructure for peace, sustainability, well-being, and cooperation."

<u>Understanding, Tolerance and Solidarity</u> (16%, 66%) During the Decade, People to People International has emphasized development of programs for students. "The result has been the creation of 141 student and university chapters worldwide, in addition to our community chapters for adults; Peace Camps thus far, with 185 students from 51 countries); educational Global Youth Forums. EXPERIENCE travel programs for students; and the School and Classroom Program, has served 184,405 students and 2,352 teachers in 118 countries." Several organizations describe their actions to promote peer relationships of students in North America with students in war-torn countries elsewhere in the world such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Haiti, Guatemala, Nigeria and Sudan. Specific actions are undertaken in solidarity with Darfur. Many of the thousands of actions undertaken during the International Day of Peace are aimed at solidarity with people of other cultures.

<u>Participatory Communication and Free Flow of Information and Knowledge</u> (1%, 36%) Although few organizations report that this is their highest priority, many provide information about peace to a wide audience, and they attempt to counter what they see as negative information in the mass media by developing and distributing videos and websites that promote a culture of peace.

<u>International Peace and Security</u> (5%, 39%) The Canadian Department of Peace Initiative has achieved considerable parliamentary support, and developed a network of local chapters and sponsoring organizations representing over a million Canadians.

**PROGRESS** is reported by 37 of the 40 reports of 2010 addressing this question. Here are some examples:

"Yes there has been progress. Training provides essential skills and understanding that help transform attitudes and behavior. (...) Today there is a much greater understanding of differences of all kinds and consciousness that we need to be more tolerant and accepting of others. With access to the internet and greater global movement people are connected with different cultures, ideologies, ethnicities, etc that helps break down barriers." – Institute for Peacebuilding (United States)

"We've seen growth in the number of people interested in receiving our newsletter and participating in project teams." – Eugene City of Peace (United States)

**OBSTACLES** are reported by 33 of the 37 reports of 2010 addressing this question. Here are some examples:

"The intractable U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have resulted in an unfortunate rise in military propaganda in this country. So much misinformation has been spread by governments and media during the past decade that the average citizen appears unsure about what to think and is largely uninformed about peace issues." – The Hamilton Culture of Peace Network (Canada)

"As a not-for-profit organization, we rely on grants and donations. Our biggest challenge continues to be securing the funding necessary to continue operating and delivering projects and resources to Alberta's schools and communities." – The Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities (Canada)

"Finances: We are unable to fully support participants who need the training the most but have the least resources to attend. Visa: Many of the CONTACT applicants are denied visa and entry in the US." – Conflict Transformation Across Cultures (United States)

#### H. South and Central Asia

Data collected for the Decade was made possible through the contributions of 98 organizations from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Tajikistan.

<u>Culture of Peace through Education</u> (most important priority 41%, secondary priority 77%) According to a study done by Prajnay Trust (India) "There *are* peace education programmes in the region: many in number and diverse in character. The numbers inevitably vary from one country to another, with relatively more programmes in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, virtually none in Bhutan and the Maldives, and a paucity of information on any possible programmes in Bangladesh and Nepal. [P]rogrammes were initiated for several reasons but primarily in response to specific phases of violence. Curriculum development and teacher training are the two main activities for the majority of programmes."

<u>Sustainable Economic and Social Development</u> (18%, 67%) According to Navdanya (India) "Keeping seeds, biodiversity and traditional knowledge in people's hands to generate livelihoods and provide basic needs is core for removal of poverty." Activities such as workshops, training, conventions and small practice models of community living were also reported. Further, a few organizations also focused on proper health care facilities and awareness for a peaceful and sustainable future.

Respect for all Human Rights (16%, 82%) According to the Maldives Detainee Network the key areas of work in this field are "to setup a Network of Human Rights Defenders. This volunteer Network has two major purposes. The first is to effectively monitor the Human Rights situation across the country while reducing our reliance on the media for doing so. The second purpose of the Network is to advocate for Human Rights principles in local communities on a sustained basis." Offering free legal advice was another action reported from Iran by the Isfahan Association for Protection of Human Rights.

Equality between Women and Men (7%, 72%) Many activities especially by the South Asian Feminist Network (SANGAT) were reported such as a national workshop on women's land rights, an international course on gender identity, peace and conflict, South Asian Feminist Meet; Future of Asian Feminisms: confronting fundamentalisms, conflict and neo-liberalisms. Sharing their vision for the Global Movement for Culture of Peace, The Grameen Bank (Bangladesh) says, "We strongly believe that many of the good things that have happened at Grameen are a result of its decision to focus on women and we are definite that the culture of peace and non violence can be strengthened by focusing on women empowerment."

<u>Democratic Participation</u> (0%, 67%) A report from Sri Lanka illustrates activities "community consultation has been integrated into government key decision-making mechanisms ensuring public participation in economic and social development programs e.g. District Government Agents hold District weekly meetings including influential such as religious and community leaders, businessmen and representatives from youth groups."

<u>Understanding, Tolerance and Solidarity</u> (9%, 69%) Many organizations working in this field are promoting interfaith dialogue youth camps and workshops dealing with combating prejudice. The Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama emphasized effective tools such as dialogue, visual and cultural media- documentaries, plays, concerts and art.

<u>Participatory Communication and Free Flow of Information and Knowledge</u> (4%, 49%) A report by the Social Fund "TVC editorial staff" (Kyrgyzstan) highlighted the use of Television programs such as "Your right," "Dialogues about migrants," and "Between us, Girls" geared towards achieving this goal.

<u>International Peace and Security</u> (5%, 46%) Workshops on understanding the 'other' were reported in this field especially between the South Asian countries with a history of partition and colonial legacy by groups like Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace. The Weeramantry International Centre for Peace Education and Research also reports the need for "Legal and Moral Imperatives for Nuclear Abolition."

**PROGRESS:** The South Asia Centre for Peace (Pakistan) makes a very poignant point by stating that "[i]t is important to show to our people and the people outside South Asia that there are peacemakers active in promoting a culture of peace in the region." Out of the 53 organizations reporting for the Decade Report, 45 report progress in the field, e.g.:

"[Programs have had a] great impact on individuals." – SANSRISTI (India)

"We have seen reasonable progress since 2001 which is reflected in a number of new activities and organizations involved. Of particular importance is the involvement of Voluntary organizations, Welfare Associations, Youth Clubs and student unions in colleges and universities." – International Foundation for Human Development (Asian region).

"More people are becoming aware of existence of courses on conflict resolution, the number of students applying to these courses is increasing every year and we are also getting more and more queries for helping others set up these kinds of institutions and organize such courses for various groups of professionals and others such as journalists, bureaucrats, school and college/university teachers etc." – Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (India)

"The global culture of peace campaign has some impacts in our work also. We focused our work basically on human rights issues and did not realize the importance of the decade. However, we realize that the work of human rights also is an essential component of culture of peace programme." – Nepal Institute of Peace

**OBSTACLES:** The South and Central Asian countries are mostly emerging democracies with recent history of civil war. Rise in the language of terrorism and hatred, lack of coordination between groups working for building a culture of peace to put up a united front and a lack of funding are key concerns stated by organizations in this region. Some also faced criticism, as

they were accused of being sympathetic or empowering rebel groups and being agents of donor interests.

36 out of 53 organizations report some obstacles, including the following:

"Most distressing is watching Policies becoming increasingly corporate led is actually increasing with crass Commercialization, denial of social economic and equity. Efforts for peace and justice become more difficult." – Initiative For Health, Equality In Society (India)

"One obstacle is sustainability of the programmes. There are problems in follow-ups and monitoring." – Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (India)

"Lack of cooperation between NGOs and state agencies." – Social Fund "Solnechnaya strana" (Kyrgyzstan)

# IV. ANNEX: LIST OF CONTRIBUTING ORGANIZATIONS

# A. International Organizations

## (International) - Culture of Peace through Education

Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU)

Association for Living Values Educational International

Association mondiale pour l'Ecole instrument de paix (EIP)

Bahá'í International Community, Office of Public Information, Paris

Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University

Center for Peace Research and Peace Education - Klagenfurt

Centre for Peacebuilding and Conflict Management, Norway

Centre International de Phonétique Appliquée

Centre Panafricain de Prospective Sociale (CPPS)

Children of the Earth

Comité de liaison ONG-UNESCO

Committee on a Curriculum of Hope for a Peaceful World, CT/ Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Coopération Internationale pour les Equilibres Locaux – CIELO

Coordination internationale pour la Décennie internationale de la promotion d'une culture de la non-violence et de la paix au profit des enfants du monde / International Coalition for the Decade

Culture of Peace Working Group of the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns EURED

European University Center for Peace Studies (EPU)

Fédération Mondiale des Associations, Centres et Clubs UNESCO

Foundation for a Culture of Peace (Fundación Cultura de Paz)

Fundación Carta de la Paz dirigida a la ONU / Letter of Peace addressed to the UN

Hague Appeal for Peace

IAUP/UN Commission on Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution and Peace

Institute for Global Leadership

Institute of International Social Development

International Baccalaureate Organization

International Council of Jewish Women

International Education for Peace Institute (EFP-International)

International Fellowship of Reconciliation

International Indigenous Youth Peace Summit

International Institute on Peace Education (IIPE)

Journée mondiale poésie-enfance – section de la Maison Internationale de la Poésie asbl

Life-Link Friendship-Schools Programme

Mil Milenios de Paz

Oficina Internacional de la Educación Católica

One World, Many Peaces

Operation Peace Through Unity

Pathways To Peace

PAX 2100

Pax Christi International

Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR)

Peace Boat

Peace Studies Program, Clark University

PeacefulSocieties.org

Red Global de Religiones a favor de la Niñez para América Latina y el Caribe

Service Civil International-France

The Art Miles Mural Project

The Goi Peace Foundation

The Hope Project

The Ribbbon International

The Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement

The World Peace Prayer Society

Transcend

UNESCO Chair on Peace, Human Rights and Democracy - Stadtschlaining/Austria

**UNIPAZ** International

UNIPAZ SC – Universidade Internacional da Paz Campus SC

United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY)

Universal Peace Federation

We, The World

World Alliance of YMCAs

World Conference on Religion and Peace

World Links Arab Region

World Organization for Prenatal Education Associations (OMAEP)

## (International) - Sustainable Economic and Social Development

A Better Future World – Peace Think Tank Project

Association Internationale des Charités (AIC)

Athgo International

Coalition for Work With Psychotrauma and Peace (CWWPP)

CONGO NGO Committee on the UN and Sports

**ENDA** 

Foundation for Self-Sufficiency in Central America

Friends of the Earth Middle East

Green Coalition Network

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

**INAUCO** 

International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISoCaRP)

N.A. Sher Foundation (Nasreen & Alam Sher Foundation)

The Grameen Bank

TradeArt Incorporated (TradeArt Abroad)

Vrije Consumenten Vereniging (Free Consumers Association)

Worldwatch Institute

Yachay Wasi

# (International) - Respect for all Human Rights

Acadia University/Conley-International, Marshall Conley

AEAH-HS / Asociación Emprendedora de Acciones y Ayudas Humanitarias

Conseil National des Droits de l'Homme (CNDH)

Dominican Leadership Conference

European Forum for Restorative Justice

Franciscans International

International Association for Religious Freedom

International Labor Rights Forum

Institute for Victims of Trauma

Let Spirit Run Free, Breaking The Silence Exhibition

Mouvement international ATD Quart Monde

SIGNIS (World Catholic Association for Communication)

Twenty-First Century African Youth Movement

## (International) - Equality between Women and Men

Federation of African Women's Peace Networks (FERFAP)

International Federation of University Women

Organisation Panafricaine des Femmes (OPF)

Soroptimist International

Women in Cities International

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

Women's UN Report Network (WUNRN)

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

## (International) - Democratic Participation

Ciudades Educadoras América Latina – Municipalidad de Rosario – Educating Cities Latin America Peaceways-Young General Assembly

United Cities and Local Governments Committee for City Diplomacy, Peace Building and Human Rights

## (International) – Understanding, Tolerance and Solidarity

Association Universelle d'Espéranto / Universal Esperanto Association (UEA)

Center for Peace Building International

Conseil International de la Danse (CID)

European Centre for Conflict Prevention (ECCP)

IFLAC PAVE PEACE (International Forum for the Literature and Culture of Peace)

Institute of Interreligious Studies (INTR°A)

International Foundation for Human Development (IFHD)

International Institute for Peace through Tourism

International Society for Human Values

International Youth Media Summit

Meaningfulworld

Peace Action International Committee

Service Civil International (SCI)

United Nations Days & Years Meditation Initiative

United Religions Initiative (URI)

United Religions Initiative Cooperation Circle at the UN

World Council of Churches – Decade to Overcome Violence

World Peace Flame Foundation (Life Foundation International)

## (International) - Participatory Communication and Free Flow of Information and Knowledge

Agencia Internacional Para El Fomento De Acciones Con Hip-Hop

Consejo Latinoamericano de investigación para la Paz: CLAIP

Education for Peace Globalnet

Good News Agency

International League of Esperanto-Speaking Teachers (ILEI)

Peace Research Information Unit Bonn (PRIUB)

The Culture of Peace News Network

University of Colorado Conflict Research Consortium

#### (International) – International Peace and Security

Asociación para la Resolución de Conflictos y la Cooperación

Center for Global Nonkilling (formerly Center for Global Nonviolence)

Cluster Munition Coalition

Coalition for the International Criminal Court

Global Alliance for Ministries and Departments of Peace (GA)

Institut Hiroshima Nagasaki

Instituto Galego de Estudos de Segurança Internacional e da Paz (IGESIP)

International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL)

International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility

International Peace Bureau – Bureau international de la paix

Mayors for Peace

Nonviolent Peaceforce

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

Psychologists for Social Responsibility

Soka Gakkai International

Strategies for Peace

The Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research

## B. Africa

#### Burkina Faso

Association Internationale pour le Développement Rural et Urbain (AIDRU)

Association Relevons Mille Défis de Développement (ARMIDEFD)

Association TEELGO

Centre Bâtisseur de Succès Florian Dubois

International Day of Peace in Burkina Faso

#### Burundi

Association Chrétienne pour le Développement Intégral (ACDI.-asbl)

CIRID - Antenne du Burundi

International Day of Peace in Burundi

Youth Human Rights Association

#### Cameroon

Cameroon Association for the Protection and Education of the Child (CAPEC)

Cercle de Recherche sur les Droits et les Devoirs de la Personne Humaine

Fondation Idole (FONI)

International Day of Peace in Cameroon

Service Oecuménique pour la Paix (SeP)

Woman and Child Welfare League

World Peace Embassy

#### Cote d'Ivoire

Club des Amis de la Culture Universelle

Club UNESCO de Port-Bouet ou GINTECOM (Groupe pour l'intégration dans la communauté)

International Day of Peace in Côte d'Ivoire

Kids and Youth Allies International Network

Network of Education & Peace Caretakers (NEPC)

ONG SOS Exclusion

## Democratic Republic of Congo

Antenne pour la Reconnaissance de l'Environnement au Congo (AREC)

Caritas Justice and Peace/DRC

Centre Africain d'Echange Culturel

Complex Scolaire Maman Diakeise

Congolese Action for Peace and Democracy - Action Congolaise pour la paix et la démocratie

Droits Humains Sans Frontières - Human Rights Without Borders NGO

Fondation de la paix mondiale en R.D.Congo

Groupement de Promotion Intégrale

Infogroupe International, Inc.

Innovation & Formation pour le Développement et la Paix (IFDP asbl)

International Day of Peace in Democratic Republic of Congo

Jeunes et femmes pour les droit de l'homme et la paix (J.F.D.HO.P)

Jipa Moyo comics – The Adventures of Kialu for Peace

Mleci asbl

Organisation Sociale pour le Développement -OSD- République Démocratique du Congo

SADC Youth Movement

Si Jeunesse Savait

Voix de sans Voix ni Liberté – VOVOLIB – RD Congo

World Peace Foundation Africa

#### Gambia

International Day of Peace in the Gambia

Kinte Kunda Lower Basic School, Gambia

West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) Gambia

World Peace Prayer Society, The Gambia Chapter

#### Ghana

God's Harvest Foundation

Hope for Justice

International Day of Peace in Ghana

Saviour Experimental School, Ghana

Young Peace Brigades

# Kenya

Afri youth

Africa Peace Point

AMECEA Justice and Peace Desk - Kenya (Assembly Episcopal Conferences Eastern Africa)

Citron Wood

International Day of Peace in Kenya

Kenya Volunteers Development Services

Kwale Interfaith Youth Association

St Kizito-Kabiria

The Caucus for Women's Leadership

Virtues Society of Kenya

Voluntary Youth Philanthropist (VYP)

## Nigeria

African Agency for an Enhanced Socio-ethics and Traditional Order (ASETO)

African Citizens development Foundation

Afro Center for Developement, Peace and Justice

Agenda for Community Development (AFCODE)

All Nigerian United Nations Students and Youths Association (ANUNSA)

CACF Nigeria

Children Rights Agenda

Cleen Foundation

Environmental Sustainability and Human Development Project (ESHUDEP)

Global Alert for Defence of Youth and the Less Privileged (GADYLP)

Icon Philantropic Foundation

International Day of Peace in Nigeria

International Women Communication Center (IWCC).

Mark Makers International

Relief Network Project (Adamu)

Respect-Nigeria (Respect International)

St. Louis Female Cisco Networking Academy

Talented Youths International

Teachers Without Borders (Africa Regional Office)

The Unarmed Youth (TUY)

Unified Tribe of Plateau Association (UTOPA)

United Nations of Youth Network Nigeria (UNOY)

Youth Effectual Organisation

## Senegal

Association Culturelle d'Auto Promotion Éducative (ACAPES)

Association Solidarité Active

Generation Non-Violente

International Day of Peace in Senegal

Jonction

La Kora-Prd (Senegal)

Projet Ambassadeurs de la Paix – Réseau Africaine de Jeunes Bâtisseurs de la Paix

#### South Africa

International Day of Peace in South Africa

The South African Association of Women Graduates (SAAWG)

## Uganda

Campus Youth Alliance (CYA)

Inter-Faith action for Peace in Africa-IFAPA

International Day of Peace in Uganda

United Nations Association of Uganda (UNAU)

Youth Network for Peace - Uganda

# Other Central and East African States

Interfaith Peace-building Initiative (IPI) – Ethiopia

International Day of Peace in Ethiopia

International Day of Peace in Rwanda

International Day of Peace in Somalia

International Day of Peace in Tanzania

National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students (NUEYS)

RESEFAC - Congo - Brazzaville

Rise Development Organization – Sudan

Rwanda Women Community Development Network

 $Somali\ Youth\ Development\ Network-SOYDEN$ 

Tanzania Youth Coalition (TYC)

# Other Southern African States

International Day of Peace in Malawi

International Day of Peace in Namibia

International Day of Peace in Swaziland

International Day of Peace in Zambia Malawi Teachers for Peace (MATEPE)

# Other West African States

Association du Village d'Enfants SOS Guinée

Ecole Instrument de Paix (EIP-Benin)

Grasp ONG – Benin

Independent Youth Forum – Sierra Leone

International Day of Peace in Liberia

International Day of Peace in Sierra Leone

Organisation d'aide à la Jeunesse Africaine - African Youth Relief Organisation - Benin

Organisation Pour la Paix au Service de la Renaissance Africaine - Togo

Rencontre Africaine pour la Science et la Technique (RASET) - Guinée

Reseau UFEP - Tchad

SOS Kinderdorf International Regional Office North/West Africa – Hermann Gmeiner Technical Senior Secondary School Bakoteh, the Gambia

Youth Movement for Peace and Non-Violence - Sierra Leone

## C. Arab States

## Algeria

Association AGIR Pour le Développement et l'Épanouissement de la Jeunesse

Association des Volontaires Algériens pour la Paix et l'échange Culturel – Algerian volunteers for peace and culturel exchanges

Fondation pour la Promotion de la Santé et le Développement de la Recherche -FOREM

Sauvegarde jeunesse - Saving youth association

Scouts Musulmans Algériens (SMA)

## Egypt

Adwar Initiative

Arab International Cooperation Organization (AICO)

Development of Business Women Export Abilities Association (DBWEAA)

Friends of the Environment Association (FEA)

General Federation of Social Agencies

Gudran for Arts and Development

International Day of Peace in Egypt

Save the Children Society

Sawiris Foundation for Social Development

**SEKEM** Initiative

The Egyptian Foundation for Family Development

The Environmental Pioneers Association (EPA)

The Institute for Peace Studies

#### Jordan

Abdul-Hameed Shoman Foundation

Civil Society Development Centre – Jordan University of Science and Technology

Dana and Qadidisiyah Local Community Cooperative

International Day of Peace in Jordan

JORDAN YouthExchange Group

Queen Rania Secondary School

#### Lebanon

Al Mabarrat Association

Amel

International Coalition Against Impunity (HOKOK)

International Day of Peace in Lebanon

Lebanese Association for Civil Rights (LACR)

Lebanon Family Planning Association (LFPA)

Near East School of Theology

René Moawad Foundation (FRM)

Palestinian Association for Human Rights (Witness Association)

"TCCD" Training Center for Community Development

#### Morocco

Alliance genève acp pour les droits de l'homme

British Council Morocco

Chouala Association for Education and Culture (ACFC)

FEZ-SAISS Association for Cultural, Social and Economic Development

Institut de Technologie Hôtelière et Touristique de Tanger

Women's Association for Development and Solidarity (AFDES)

#### **Palestine**

**AEI-Open Windows** 

Campagne civile internationale pour la protection du peuple palestinien

CARE – Center for Applied Research in Education

Centre de la paix universitaire – Gaza-Palestine

Community Service Center at An-Najah National University

International Day of Peace in Palestine

Palestinians for Peace and Democracy

Ta'awon: Palestinian Conflict Resolution Institute

The Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (CCRR)

#### Tunisia

APNEK-Tunisia (Ass° for Protection of Nature & Envt., Kairouan)

Association of Holiday Camps of Sousse

Association of Training and Human Resouces Managers

Cultural Committee of the Electronic Center of Sousse

Voice of the Child Organization

## Other Arab States

Al Ghanem Organization for Civil Society Development - Yemen

ASSociation tiflétois new life - ATNL MAROC

Awal Women Society - Bahrain

Intellectual Multaka (Forum) for Innovation – Syria

International Day of Peace in Oman

International Day of Peace in Sudan

International Day of Peace in Bahrain

International Day of Peace in the United Arab Emirates

Iraqi Commission for Civil Society Enterprises (ICCSE)

King Abdul Aziz Public Library (KAPL) – Saudi Arabia

King Abdul Aziz Women Charity Association in Qassim (KAWCC) - Saudi Arabia

Political Development Forum (PDF) – Yemen
Purity Association for Environment Protection – Iraq
Social Development Centre (SDC) – Qatar
The International Organization for Peace, Care, Relief (I.O.P.C.R) – Libya
The Iraqi Peace Center
Working for the Sake of Iraqi Women and Children Organization – Iraq
Yarmouk – Syria

# D. East Asia and Australasia

#### Australia

Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC)
Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies – The University of Queensland
Australian Federation of University Women
International Day of Peace in Australia
Multi-Faith Centre, Griffith University
National Council of Churches in Australia
Teaching and Learning for Peace Foundation
The Australian Youth Against Landmines Association (TAYALA)
UNSW school of public health and community medicine

#### China

International Day of Peace in China Peace International Foundation The Children's Virtues Development Project The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries The Virtues Project China

## Indonesia and Timor Leste

International Day of Peace in Indonesia International Day of Peace in Timor Leste

# Japan

International Day of Peace in Japan Sakata Technical Senior High School The Japanese Society for Developing the Culture of Peace Trans Cultural Studies (Conflict Resolution)

## Korea

International Day of Peace in Korea Women Making Peace

## Malaysia

International Day of Peace in Malaysia Signis Asia Assembly 2004 – Kuala Lumpur World Youth Foundation

#### New Zealand

International Day of Peace in New Zealand The New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (NZFGW) Waitakere City Council

## Pacific Island States

International Day of Peace in Fiji International Day of Peace in the Solomon Islands The Virtues Project Fiji

## **Philippines**

Access Philippine Youth Leadership Program Alumni Association, Inc.

Balay Rehabilitation Center (Philippines)

Center for Peace Education, Miriam College

Gaston Z. Ortigas Peace Institute

Generation Peace Youth Network (GenPeace)

International Day of Peace in the Philippines

Message for a Better World-Philippines

Mindanao Peace and Development Education Institute

Mindanao Tripartite Youth Core (MTYC)

Pax Christi Negros Youth Group (PCNYG)

Peace Center of the Theosophical Society in the Philippines

PeaceTech Inc.

Philippine Action Network on Small Arms (PhilANSA)

Southern Christian College- Community Education, Research and Extension Administration

## Taiwan (China)

International Day of Peace in Taiwan

## **Thailand**

International Buddhist Society
International Day of Peace in Thailand

# Other Southeast Asian States

International Day of Peace in Cambodia
International Day of Peace in Singapore
International Day of Peace in Vietnam
The University Women's Association of Singapore (UWAS)

# E. Europe

#### Austria

International Day of Peace in Austria
Österreichisches Netzwerk für Frieden und Gewaltfreiheit – Austrian Network for Peace and Nonviolence
Q – Qualified Migration Knowledge Network
Soroptimist International Clubs Villach and Eisenstadt
Women's Federation for World Peace, Europe

#### Balkan States

"Love That Child" Foundation - Bulgaria

Albanian Center for Peace and Disarmament Education

Colegiul National "Vasile Alecsandri", Galati, Romania

First Bosniak High School, Bosnia and Herzegovina

International Day of Peace in Albania

International Day of Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina

International Day of Peace in Bulgaria

International Day of Peace in Croatia

International Day of Peace in Romania

International Day of Peace in Serbia

Ion Creanga School, Romania

Jovan Jovanovic Zmaj Elementary School, Serbia and Montenegro

Liceul Teoretic "Mircea Eliade Resita", Romania

Media Education Centre - Serbia

National College "Vasile Alecsandri", Bacau, Romania

PRONI Center for youth development – Bosnia and Herzegovina

Soroptimist Club of Bucharest, Romania

The Education for Peace Institute of the Balkans (EFP-Balkans)

UNESCO club of school "Vicho Grancharov", Gorna Oriahovitsa, Bulgaria

Women in Black, Belgrade

## **Belgium**

Jeugd & Vrede (Youth & Peace) Jonge Europese Federalisten België Pax Christi Flanders

## **Cyprus**

Doves Olympic Movement

PeacePlayers-Cyprus

UNESCO Chair on "Culture Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue for a Culture of Peace"

#### Denmark

Danish Peace Academy

Dialogos

International Day of Peace in Denmark

KIK-Kulturel Information-Koordination

Nepenthes

Netvaerket

## Finland

International Day of Peace in Finland The Åland Islands Peace Institute

#### France

AFCDRP - Association Française des Communes Départements et Régions pour la Paix

Association Française de la Bannière de la Paix

Centre de Médiation et de Formation à la Médiation

Centre de ressources sur la gestion non-violente des relations et des conflits

Centre-Azur des YMCA

Coordination des Associations et Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience

Coordination française pour la Décennie

Ecole de la paix

Etoile du Matin

Gandhi International

International Day of Peace in France

Maison des Droits de l'Enfant

Mouvement de la paix

Observatoire des armements / CDRPC (Centre de documentation et de recherche sur la paix et les conflits)

Union Chrétienne de Jeunes Gens UCJG-YMCA-France

Ville de Malakoff (AFCDRP – Association Française des Communes, Départements et Régions pour la Paix)

## Germany

Berghof Conflict Research (BCR) & Berghof Peace Support (BPS)

City of Osnabrück Office of Peace Culture

Institute for Peace Work and Nonviolent Conflict Transformation

International Day of Peace in Germany

Pro Dialog – Interkulturelle Bildungsinitiative

Saphira

Soroptimist International Clubs Bamberg-Kunigunde and München-Schwabing

The Virtues Project Germany, TugendProjekt e. V., Deutschland

#### Greece

International Day of Peace in Greece

Social Aid of Hellas

UNESCO Chair on Education for Human Rights, Democracy and Peace / Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

## Ireland

Anti-Bullying Centre

International Day of Peace in Ireland

Peace People

Voluntary Service International

#### Israel

Amutat Maagal Hakshava (Council Circle Israel)

Baladna, Association for Arab Youth

Center for Research on Peace Education (CERPE)

**ECOWEEK** 

Interfaith Encounter Association

International Day of Peace in Israel

MachsomWatch

Soroptimist International Club Rehovot, Rishon Le Zion and Givatayim

The Israel Center for Negotiation and Mediation

The Med2020 Department -The Peres Center for Peace

The Parents Circle-Families Forum

The Young Israeli Forum for Cooperation (YIFC)

## Italy

Annulliamo la Distanza Onlus

Associazione ICPC Italia

Bandiera della Pace

CEIPES – Centro Internazionale per la Promozione dell'Educazione e lo Sviluppo

C.I.S.P. – Universidad "Scienze per la pace" Pisa, Italia.

Comitato italiano Decennio per una cultura di nonviolenza e di pace per i bambini del mondo

Commune di Casatenovo

International Day of Peace in Italy

Laboratorio Mondo

YAP Youth Action for Peace Italia

#### Malta

IDEAL International Malta Gay Rights Movement

#### Netherlands

All-Win Network

Brahma Kumaris Spirituele Akademie (BKSA)

De Wereld Is Niet Te Koop

Doopsgezinde Vredesgroep

Euro's voor Vrede

House of Erasmus of Rotterdam - Center for Humanism, Safety and Nonviolence

International Day of Peace in the Netherlands

Museum voor Vrede en Geweldloosheid – Museum for Peace and Nonviolence

NEAG, Nederlands Expertisecentrum Alternatieven voor Geweld – Netherlands Centre Alternatives to Violence

Pais, Dutch section of War Resisters' International

Pedagogen voor de Vrede

Platform for Peace IJmond

Platform Vredescultur

Silence for Peace

Social Initiatief Netherlands

The Virtues Project Netherlands (Deugdenproject Nederland)

Women for Peace Netherlands

**XminusY Solidarity Fund** 

## Norway

Bamble Municipality

Blekkulf (Inky's Environmental Detectives)

Dissimilis

Initiativ for Etisk Handel – Initiative for Ethical Trade

Jondal Municipality

Klepp kommune

Kristiansand Municipality

Lillehammer Municipality

Norsk Bangladesh Fadderforening – Norwegian Bangladesh Association

Norwegian Peace Alliance (Norges Fredsråd)

Rainforest Foundation Norway – Regnskogsfondet

Stiftelsen Mangfold i Arbeidslivet (MiA)

Vennskap Nord/Sør – Friendship North/South

World Voices Norway

## **Portugal**

ASPEA – Associação Portuguesa de educação ambiental Tamera

#### **Russian Federation**

Alpha and Omega

Bashkortostan regional centre of a Culture of Peace

Centre for Civic Education

Creative association "Tolerance – the Way to Harmony"

Educators for Peace and Understanding – Bashkortostan

Federation for Peace and Conciliation

High School 105

Institute for the Culture of Peace – Kazan, Tatarstan

International Committee of Citizen Diplomacy

International Day of Peace in Russia

International Public Foundation for Survival and Development of Humanity

Istoki (Baha'i)

Moscow Secondary School

Municipal institution of additional education for children

Museum of Peacekeeping Operations

Public Institute of Strategic Sphere (Tetrasociological) Studies,

Regional social organisation of children and youth "Yunie posli kulturi mira"

Russian Chapter of the Association for World Education (AWE)

Russian Section of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

Russian social organisation "Children and youth social initiatives" (DIMSI)

Secondary school 476

Secondary school No 1414

Siberian center for Eurasian projects on behalf of Planet 3000 project

UNESCO Chair in Education for a Culture of Peace and Human Rights - Nalchik

UNESCO Club "Dignity of the child" Volgograd regional charity voluntary organisation

World Without Violence Movement - Tula, Russia

## Spain

Acción de los Cristianos para la abolición de la Tortura

AID Cooperación

Alternativa 3

Asociación Centro de Investigación por la Paz Gernika Gogoratuz

Asociación para las Naciones Unidas

Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de España

Associació Amics de la UNESCO de Girona

Ayuntamiento de Donostia/San Sebastián, Dirección de Juventud, Educación, Cooperación y Derechos Humanos

Can Jonch. Centre de Cultura per la pau. Ajuntament de Granollers

Catedra Unesco de Filosofia para la Paz , Universitat Jaume I, Castellón, España

Centro UNESCO Comunidad de Madrid "Cultura de paz, derechos humanos y vida independiente"

Col·legi Badalonès

DEMÀ (Associació Departament d'Estudis dels Medis Actuals)

Dones de Negre Castello Red Internacional de Mujeres de Negro

Educadores pola Paz-Nova Escola Galega

Escola de Cultura de Pau

Fundació per la Pau

Fundación Catalunya Voluntaria

Fundación Montessori Sin Fronteras

Fundación Paz y Cooperación

Fundación Prodein

Grup d'Educació per la Pau

International Day of Peace in Spain

Justícia i Pau

La Ortiga, Cooperativa de consumidores ecológicos de Sevilla

Manos Unidas

Mestres per Bosnia

Mujeres para el Diálogo y la Educación

Museo de la Paz de Gernika

NOVA - Social Innovation Centre

OSPAAAL-Solidaridad (Organización de Solidaridad con los Pueblos de Asia, Africa y América Latina)

Red de Comunicación y Recursos en Resolución y Transformación de Conflictos (rc2-uoc)

RESPECT Refugees Europe

Seminario Galego de Educación para a Paz

Tres Quarts per Cinc Quarts- Grup d'Opinió

Unescocat – Centre UNESCO de Catalunya

#### **States of the Caucasus**

Caucasian Center for Proposing Non Traditional Conflict Resolution Methods, Armenia

Georgian Association of University Women

International Campaign to Ban Landmines – ICBL Georgia

International Day of Peace in Georgia

NGO Women for Development, Armenia

Rustavi Georgian Gymnasium, Georgia

#### Sweden

Centerpartiets Ungdomförbund /The Center Party Youth of Sweden

Fred i våra händer, a national project

Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society (SPAS)

SweFOR

United Nations Association of Sweden

## Switzerland

Association Suisse des Éducateurs à la Paix: ASEPAIX

Femmes pour la Paix

Haute École Pédagogique BEJUNE

International Day of Peace in Switzerland

## Turkey

International Day of Peace in Turkey

Soroptimist International Clubs Göztepe, Alsancak, Izmir, Kordon, Karsiyaka, Gallipoli (Canakk)

## **United Kingdom**

British Federation of Women Graduates (BFWG)

Faith Matters

International Day of Peace in the United Kingdom

Lisburn Community Relations Network & Training Consortium

The World Academy of Arts, Literature, and Media – WAALM

Yellow House

# Ukraine

Indigo in Ukraine

International UNESCO Chair "Human Rights, Peace, Democracy, Tolerance & International Understanding"

Lugansk specialized school 36, Ukraine

STORK (AIST) Family school, Ukraine

Ukrainian Movement "Educators for Peace and Mutual Understanding"

## **Other Eastern European States**

**BOCS** Foundation – Hungary

Education of Mothers for the Education of Children (Baha'i) – Hungary

Eko Gymnázium – Eco High School Prague, Czech Republic

Gymnasium 7, Minsk, Belarus

International Day of Peace in Belarus

International Day of Peace in Hungary

International Day of Peace in Lithuania

International Day of Peace in Poland

International Day of Peace in the Czech Republic

Kelme "Aukuras" Secondary School, Lithuania

Krimulda Secondary School, Riga, Latvia

Kupiškis Povilas Matulionis Secondary School, Lithuania

Kursenai Laurynas Ivinskis Gymnasium, Lithuania

Pavenciu Secondary School, Lithuania

Smorgon Boarding School, Belarus

The Colourful World Circle (CWC) – Hungary

# F. Latin America and the Caribbean

## Argentina

Agrupación La Hora de los Pueblos

Aluminé Unipaz Argentina

Aluminé Universidad del Hombre – UNIPAZ Argentina

América Madre – Filial Alta Gracia, Córdoba – Argentina

América Madre – Filial Bialet Massé Córdoba – Argentina

América Madre – Filial Chilecito, La Rioja – Argentina

América Madre – Filial Cosquín Córdoba

América Madre - Filial de Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires - Provincia de Buenos Aires

América Madre – Filial La Carlota Córdoba – Argentina

América Madre - Filial Monteros Tucumán

América Madre – Filial Ojo de Agua Santiago del Estero

América Madre – Filial Río Tercero Córdoba – Argentina

América Madre – Filial San Guillermo – Pcia. de Santa Fe

América Madre – Filial San Pedro de Jujuy Jujuy – Argentina

América Madre – Institución Cultural Internacional (Sede Central)

América Madre - Filial Santiago del Estero - Capital Santiago del Estero

América Madre – Filial Brinkmann Córdoba – Argentina

América Madre – Filial Villa Carlos Paz Córdoba – Argentina

Asociación Civil Colegios del Mundo Unido de Argentina (ACCMUA) United World Colleges Argentina

Asociación Civil MAR

Asociación de padres por los derechos del alumno - Jujuy

Bilingual MCA – Bilingual Poets & Writers for Peace-Poetas y Escritores Bilingües por la Paz

Centro de las Culturas

Centro de Participación para la Paz y los Derechos Humanos – CePaDeHu

Consejo de Paz de la Republica Argentina

Ecoclub Embajada – Jujuy

Escuela de Enseñanza Media Nº 432 "BERNARDINO RIVADAVIA"

Fundación AVES

Fundación Darlocab – Jujuy

Fundación Instituto de Mediación - FIMe - Centro Internacional de Gestión de Conflictos

Fundación Linea Joven

Fundación Paz, Ecología & Arte (PEA)

Grupo Scouts N° 057 "Martín Guemes" (Scouts de Argentina)

Hábitat Humano

IFLAC – La rama Argentina del IFLAC Foro Internacional de Literatura y Cultura de la Paz

Instituto de Capacitación, Promoción, Difusión e Investigación de Economía Solidaria - Mutual Docente

Instituto Politécnico Superior

International Day of Peace in Argentina

Jardín de Infantes 902 "Mariquita Sánchez"

La Comunidad – Jujuy

Museo de Arte Decorativo "Firma y Odilo Estevez" – Municipalidad de Rosario

ONG Juanita Moro – Jujuy

Organización Visión Ambiental

Red Solidaria Concepción del Uruguay

Scouts de Argentina - Equipo Nacional - XII Jamboree Scout Panamericano

Sociedad de la Plegaria por la Paz Mundial

Subsecretaria de Participación Comunitaria Minist. Seguridad Provincia de Buenos Aires

Unión Federal de Parlamentos

#### Brazil

Abaçaí Cultura e Arte - Rede da Cultura de Paz

ABrasOFFA - Associação Brasileira dos Organizadores de Festivais de Folclore e Artes Populares

Ágere Cooperação em Advocacy

Aliança pela Infância

AMARRIBO- Amigos Associados de Ribeirão Bonito

Amigos da Paz

Antena Verde

Assembléia Espiritual Nacional dos Bahá'ís do Brasil- Comunidade Bahá'í do Brasil

ASSERECO - Associação de Esportes Radicais e Ecoturismo - Praia Grande-SP

Assistência e Promoção Social Exército de Salvação - APROSES

Associação Brasileira de Intercambio Cultural - ABIC

Associação Comunidade de Mãos Dadas (ACMD)

Associação Comunitária Monte Azul

Associação Cultural Constelação

Associação de Defesa e Divulgação da Comunidade Negra e Comunidade do Samba

Associação Iko Poran - Iko Poran Association

Associação Imagem Comunitária (AIC)

Associação Mineira das Vítimas de Erro Médico

Associação Palas Athena

Associação Projeto Não Violência Brasil

Associação Universidade da Paz de Minas Gerais - Unipaz-MG

Atelier da Paz

Banco de Alimentos Associação Civil

Cama Viva

Cáritas Diocesana de São José dos Campos (SP)

Centro de Direitos Humanos e Educação Popular de Campo Limpo

Centro de Direitos Humanos Irmã Maria Dolores

Centro de Ecologia Integral (CEI)

Centro de Instrução para Operações de Paz (CI Op Paz)

Centro de Qualidade de Vida - Lumigitus

Centro de Voluntariado de São Paulo

Círculo da Pedra Azul

Comisión de Defensa de los Derechos Humanos de la Diócesis de Mogi das Cruzes e Comisión Municipal de Servicios Solidarios de Ferraz de Vasconcelos

Comunidade Zen Budista

Conselho Nacional dos Secretários Municipais de Saúde (CONASEMS) - Rede Gandhi: Saúde, Cultura de Paz

COPIPAZ - Comitê da Primeira infância na cultura da PAZ

Departamento de Arte e Cultura do Governo Participativo de São Carlos

**EcoArborizar** 

Eco-cidadão

eDeus.org

Educadores para a Paz

Escola de Desenvolvimento Humano Casa do Caminho

Federação de Bandeirantes do Brasil

Fundação Dom David

Fundação Gol de Letra

Fundação Movimento Direito e Cidadania (Fundação MDC)

Governo do Estado do Espírito Santo: Secretaria de Estado da Justiça

Guaimbê - Espaço e Movimento CriAtivo

Ibase - Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas

Iluminattis

Instituto Arte Saúde

Instituto Brasileiro de Educação para a Vida

Instituto Brasileiro de Políticas de Juventude

Instituto de Cidadania Empresarial (ICE) - Projeto Casulo

Instituto e Centro Alternativo para o Desenvolvimento e Comunicação

Instituto Pró-Cidadania

Instituto Roerich da Paz e Cultura do Brasil

Instituto São Paulo Contra a Violência

Instituto Ser Humano

Instituto Sou da Paz

Interação - Educação Corporal e Integração Humana

International Day of Peace in Brazil

Legião da Boa Vontade LBV

Moradia e Cidadania

Movimento Paz Espírito Santo - Paz-ES

Município de Aparecida (SP) - Departamento da Família e Bem-Estar Social

Município de Cajamar, Diretoria de Cultura

Município de Porto Ferreira: Departamento M. de Educação

ONG Parceiros Voluntários

Parliamentary Council for a Culture of Peace of São Paulo State Assembly

Pastoral da Criança (Child's Pastoral) - Brazilian's Bishops National Conference

Plugados na Educação

Prefeitura Municipal de Belo Horizonte - Coordenadoria de Direitos Humanos

Prefeitura Municipal de Belo Horizonte - Coordenadoria de Direitos da Mulher

Programa Gente Que Faz Paz

Projeto Cooperação

Promoção social de Dirce Reis

Santos-Arbitral Câmara de Conciliação, Mediação & Arbitragem de Santos

Serviço de Engajamento Comunitário - Secri

Serviço de Paz - SERPAZ

Sincronicidade e Expressão - Projeto de Extensão da UFG

Transformar – Associação para o Desenvolvimento do Portador de Deficiência

Unipaz

UNIPAZ Paraná.

UNISOES: União de Sociedades Espiritualistas, Científicas, Filosóficas e Religiosas

Universidad Federal de Rio Grande do Norte: Departamento de Sicología - Proyecto: Curso de Educación para la Paz en la Policía Militar

Universidade Estadual do Oeste do Paraná (UNIOESTE) - Centro de Ciências Sociais Aplicadas (CCSA)

Universidade Internacional da Paz Campinas

Universidade Solidária - UniSol

Viva Paz

Viva Rio

Yoga Real

## **Central American States**

Consejo de Educación de Adultos de América Latina - CEAAL - Panama

Fundación Propaz

Instituto "Martin Luther King" Universidad Politécnica de Nicaragua

International Day of Peace in Costa Rica

International Day of Peace in El Salvador

#### Chile

Agrupación de Discapacitados Epsilon

América Madre - Filial Quilpué Valparaíso - Chile

América Madre (AMA) - Filial Villa Alemana- Chile

International Day of Peace in Chile

La Comunidad para el Equilibrio y Desarrollo del Ser Humano

Liceo "Jovina Naranjo Fernandez"

#### Colombia

Alianza de Educación para la construcción de cultura de paz

Centro de Estudios Avanzados en Niñez y Juventud CINDE-Universidad de Manizales

Colegio General Santander

Colombia Noviolenta CCN

Concern Universal-Colombia, field office Concern Universal England

Cooperación Colombia

Corporación Viva la Ciudadanía Programa Educación

Fundación AlvarAlice

Fundación Colombia Una Nación Civica

Fundación Escuelas de Paz

Fundación Instituto para la Construcción de la Paz-FICONPAZ

Fundación Mujeres por Colombia

Fundación para la Reconciliación

Fundación Paz y Bien

José Celestino Mutis

Lazos Sociales y Culturas de Paz

Organización Internacional para el Desarrollo de América Latina y El Caribe "Onward Colombia"

Pontifica Universidad Javeriana, Departamento de Filosofía

Programa Alternativas a la Violencia-Asociación PAV Colombia

Programa de Educación y Formación para la Convivencia Universitaria-Universidad Pedagógica Nacional

Secretaria de Educación del Departamento del Valle del Cauca

Secretariado Nacional de Pastoral Social - Caritas Colombiana

Universidad Pedagógica Nacional - Programa Pedagogía de la Paz

# Cuba

Centro Félix Varela

Grupo de investigación sobre Cultura de paz y no violencia de la Universidad Pedagógica International Day of Peace in Cuba

## **Dominican Republic**

Centro de Servicios Legales para la Mujer, Inc. Escuela Shaolin Tsu, Inc. Instituto de la Paz Juan F. Pepén Movimiento de Mujeres Dominico Haitiana

#### Haiti

Association Femmes Soleil Haiti International Day of Peace in Haiti Klib Timoun Kè Kontan - Haïti

#### Mexico

Academia Mexicana de Derechos Humanos, A.C.
América Madre - Filial Monterrey, Nuevo León - México
Asociación Internacional de Educadores para la Paz
Cátedra UNESCO de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Federación Mexicana de Universitarias, A.C.
Fundación Cegea
International Day of Peace in Mexico

#### Other Caribbean States

Barbados Association of Non Governmental Organisations International Day of Peace in Aruba International Day of Peace in Jamaica International Education and Resource Network Trinidad and Tobago (iEARNTnT) Universal Day of Hope Trust - Barbados

## **Other South American States**

Academia Técnica de Estudios Jurídicos y Sociales (ATEJUS) Facultad de Derecho y Cs. Sociales UNA - Paraguay

Centro UNESCO de Montevideo - Uruguay International Day of Peace in Guyana

#### Peru

América Madre - Filial Arequipa Perú América Madre - Filial Cusco -Perú América Madre - Filial Caraz -Perú

Asociación de Cada Ciudadano (Red Juvenil de la Fundación Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Huancayo-Perú)

AVC

Consejo por la Paz de Mochumí, Región Lambayeque, Perú

Equipo Docente de Celendín (EDOCEL) Instituto Regional por la Paz - IREPAZ

Municipalidad de Paita - Peru

UNOY -Sullana- Piura- Peru

## **Puerto Rico**

Alianza de Mujeres Viequenses

Alianza Laura Aponte por la Paz Social (ALAPAS)

Asociación Puertorriqueña de Estudiantes de Periodismo

Asociación Puertorriqueña de Historiadores

Cátedra UNESCO de Educación para la Paz - Universidad de Puerto Rico

Ciudadanos del Karso

Comisión de Ciudadanos al Rescate de Caimito

Comité pro Rescate y Desarrollo de Vieques

International Day of Peace in Puerto Rico

Junta de Acción Comunitaria San Mateo de los Cangrejos

Misión Industrial de Puerto Rico, Inc.

Movimiento Agua Para Todos

Museo del Barrio, la casa de todos

Proyecto Caribeño de Justicia y Paz

#### Venezuela

Asociación Venezolana para el Avance de las Ciencias del Comportamiento

Cátedra de la Paz y Derechos Humanos "Mons. Oscar Arnulfo Romero" / Universidad de Los Andes

Centro de Iniciativas para el Desarrollo Local

Convenezuela

Fundación Folklórica Pijiguao y CIOFF Venezuela

International Day of Peace in Venezuela

Ruta de PAZ

# G. North America

#### Canada

BC Peace Ed

Bell-Stone School

Canadian Culture of Peace Program (CCOPP)

Canadian Department of Peace Initiative (CDPI), formerly the Working Group for a Federal Department of

Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW)

Canadian Voice of Women for Peace/La Voix des Femmes Canadiennes pour la Paix

Character Education Peel

International Day of Peace in Canada

Kootenay Region Branch of the United Nations Association in Canada

Les Ambassadeurs et Ambassadrices de la paix (Peace Ambassadors)

Mount Saint Vincent University

Secular Franciscan Order - National Fraternity of Canada

The Hamilton Culture of Peace Network

The Society for Safe and Caring Schools & Communities (SACSC)

The Virtues Project Canada

Women in Black, Calgary

#### **United States**

A Course in Miracles International

Association for Conflict Resolution - North Carolina Chapter

Association for Global New Thought

Athletes United for Peace

Atlanta: City of Peace, Inc.

Center for Nonviolence - St. Bonaventure University

Center for Nonviolent Solutions, Worcester, MA

Center for Peace Education (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Children's Culture Connection / War Kids Relief

City of Northfield (MN)

City of Northfield Police Department

City of Northfield, Minnesota Mayor's Youth Council

Community Action Center of Northfield, Inc.

Community Character Consulting

Community Mediation, Inc.

Conflict Transformation Across Cultures

Darfur Rehabilitation Project, Inc. (DRP)

Decade of Nonviolence-Houston

Education for Conflict Resolution, Inc.

Eugene City of Peace

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Inter-unit Task Force for the Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence

Fellowship of Reconciliation USA

Gandhi-King-Carter International Airport

Global Coalition for Peace

Global Kids, Inc.

Growing Communities for Peace

Hampton Roads Network for Nonviolence (HRNN)

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrance Committee - Union County (NJ) Peace Council

Institute for Community Leadership

Institute for Peacebuilding

International Day of Peace in the United States

Intuition in Service

Iowa Resource for International Service

Lifebridge Foundation, Inc.

Mayor's Task Force on Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) New Jersey Chapter

National Peace Academy

Nobel Peace Laureate Project

Nobel Peace Prize Forum

Northfield (MN) Community Action Center

Northfield (MN) Human Rights Commission

Northfield (MN) League of Women Voters

Northfield (MN) People for Peace and Goodwill

Northfield (MN) Healthy Community Initiative

Northfield (MN) Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Northfield (MN) Public Schools

Partners for Violence Prevention

Pax Educare, Inc. The Connecticut Center for Peace Education

Peace by Piece Campaign

Peace Education Special Interest Group of American Education Research Association

Peachcake

People to People International

Plymouth (NH) State University Culture of Peace Steering Committee

Progressive Democrats Of America (PDA) - NJ Chapter

Quabbin Mediation

Red Wing, MN: Build Bridges, Not Walls

Rice County (MN) Community Corrections

Rice County (MN) Sheriff's Office

Riverton (NJ) Community Peace Pole Project

Roughrider Focus Group, Inc.

Snohomish County Women in Black

South Jersey Department of Peace

Southern California Regional Council of Organizations

St. John's Lutheran Church (Northfield, MN) - Peace and Justice Group

St. Joseph's College

Student Pledge Against Gun Violence

Students for Culture of Peace (SCOP)

The Conflict Resolution Centre

The Globe Ecological Restoration and Development Foundation, Inc. (GERDF)

The International Association for the Advancement of Human Welfare, Inc.

The National Service Conference of the American Ethical Union

The New Seminary for Interfaith Studies

The Village School of Northfield (MN)

United Nations Association-Minnesota

University of Hawaii, College of Education, Department of Educational Foundations

Venicevisionarymedia.net

Women Against Military Madness

World Citizen, Inc.

# H. South and Central Asia

## **Afghanistan**

International Day of Peace in Afghanistan

## Bangladesh

Forum for Culture and Human Development

Green Step

Human Rights Development Information Center

International Day of Peace in Bangladesh

Participatory Development Action Program

PHALS (Programme for Helpless and Lagged Societies)

## India

Ahimsa Trust

All India Momin Ansar Welfare Society (AIMAWS)

Asmita Samajik Sanstha – Anil Sharma

Centre for Community Health Research

**Chishty Foundation** 

Diphu Citizens Peace Forum (DCPF)

Ecumenical Development centre of India

eHealth-Care Foundation

Ektara India

Forum for the Promotion of Moderate Thought in Islam

Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti

Gingee Alliance for Development

Global Harmony – initially named "Spirituality – Adding Value to Existence (S-A-V-E)"

Gramin Yuva Abhikram

**Human Uplift Mission** 

Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS)

Initiative For Health, Equity In Society

International Centre for Gandhian Thoughts (ICGT)

International Day of Peace in India

International Society for Alternative Medicine – Nature Park

Jain Vishva Bharati Institute (Deemed University)

Jharkhand Alternative Development Forum (JADFO)

Kashmir Sufism Society

National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) Department of Educational Psychology

Navdanya

Need to India NGO

Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution

Oneworld Educational Trust, Delta Training Campus

Peace Education Resource Centre, New Delhi (Formerly Hague Appeal for Peace, Delhi University)

Pravah

Rehomfa Youth Track, Welfare Org.

S.P.B.V.D. Sabha High School

Saathi

Saint Monica School

Samerth Trust

Sangat, a South Asian feminist network

Sansristi

Setu: Centre for Social Knowledge and Action

Solidarity for Social Equality (Human Rights Centre)

Standing Together to Enable Peace Trust

The American Corner Ahmedabad

The Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness The Dalai Lama

The Prainva Trust

The Saraswathy Shanmugam Public Charitable Trust (SSPCT)

Tibetan Women's Association

Tribal Welfare Society (East Zone)

United Human Resource

United Schools of India Regional Centre Jaipur

Unity Charitable Trust

Unnati Features

WISCOMP (Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace)

## **Indian Ocean Small Island States**

Centre for Rights & Development (CEFRAD) – Seychelles

International Day of Peace in the Maldives

Maldivian Detainee Network

#### Iran

DONYA Children's Research Institute

Farzangan Educational Center

Isfahan Association for Protection of Human Rights

Tazkiyeh Educational Complex

## Kyrgyzstan

Center of human rights protection "Kilim Shami"

Kyrgyz Civil Society for a Culture of Peace

NGO "Tabiyat-Life"

Peace Fund of Kyrgyzstan

Social Fund "Solnechnaya strana"

Social Fund "TVC editorial staff" Social Fund Center of innovative education "Peremena" UNDP Youth Programme in Kyrgyzstan

# Mongolia

International Day of Peace in Mongolia

# Nepal

International Day of Peace in Nepal Nepal Institute of Peace (NIP) Youth Advocacy Group Youth Society for Peace

#### Pakistan

Balochistan Social Development Programme (BSDP)

CARAVAN - Community Awareness Raising and Advocacy Ventures Around Needs

Farz Citizen Community Board

HERA (Health and Education Relief Association)

International Day of Peace in Pakistan

Karachi Human Welfare Organization

Oasis Foundation

Pakistan Organization for Human Development (POHD)

Pakistan Press Foundation

Participatory Rural Development Program (PRDP)

Peace Worldwide

Pilgrims of Peace

Rehber Foundation

RISE (Rural Initiatives in Sustainability and Empowerment)

Shaheen Educational Society, Orangi, Karachi, Pakistan

South Asia Centre for Peace

Trodden's Clarion Receptors Development Organization (TCRDO)

#### Sri Lanka

International Day of Peace in Sri Lanka Weeramantry International Centre for Peace Education and Research (WICPER)

## Tajikistan

International Day of Peace in Tajikistan Youth Initiatives Fund "Gandjinai Vahsh" – Tajikistan

# about the report and project team

The Decade for a Culture of Peace Youth Team came into existence in September 2009 in Barcelona, Spain, when Cécile Barbeito (Spain), Meghann Villanueva (Philippines) and Marcos Estrada (Brazil), who later emerged as the general coordinator, voluntarily committed to assuring the End-of-Decade Report from Civil Society. Despite the lack of funding, they had the enthusiasm, the energy and a wide network of youth contacts that could help to prepare the End-of-Decade Report from Civil Society.

There are individuals and organizations in all parts of the world working extensively to cultivate a lasting culture of peace. Some of them contacted other youth, whose aims are to support the culture of peace movement.

Volunteers from different parts of the world joined efforts to produce the Report: Nikki Delfin (Philippines), Lillian Solheim (Norway), Johanna Ospina (Colombia), Mayte Roitenburd (Mexico), Shreya Jani (India), Oliver Rizzi Carlson (Switzerland) and Himali Jinadasa (Sri Lanka). Thus volunteers' support was crucial. Support was also provided by Alicia Cabezudo, the Associação Brasileira dos Organizadores de Festivais de Folclore e Artes Populares (ABrasOFFA), the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY), the Centre Unesco de Catalunya (UNESCOCAT), the Fundación Cultura de Paz, the Escola de Cultura de Pau of the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Fundació Catalunya Voluntària and Generation Peace Youth Network among others.

The website <a href="www.decade-culture-of-peace.org">www.decade-culture-of-peace.org</a> was built to receive the entries. Word, PDF and HTML versions of the questionnaire were made available in four working languages set by the team: English, Spanish, French and Portuguese. Volunteers have also contacted organizations in their native languages, such as Russian and Arabic. Volunteers supported the End-of-Decade Report from Civil Society by mobilizing responses according to their language knowledge, region or domain of action interest. The youth team had as senior advisor David Adams, who was the initial director of the Decade before his retirement from UNESCO.