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Promoting the Culture of Peace with Love and Conscience

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹ in which it is stated that disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of humankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people, and recalling also article 1 of the Declaration, in which it is stated that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood,

Conscious of the need for the creation of conditions of stability and well-being and peaceful and friendly relations based on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Reaffirming its resolution [52/13](#) of 20 November 1997, by which it raised awareness that the task of the United Nations to save future generations from the scourge of war requires transformation towards a culture of peace, which consists of values, attitudes and behaviours 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 endeavour 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,

Recalling its resolution [72/130](#) of 8 December 2017, on the International Day of Living Together in Peace and its previous resolutions on a culture of peace, in particular resolution [52/15](#) of 20 November 1997, by which it proclaimed 2000 the International Year for the Culture of Peace, resolution [53/25](#) of 10 November 1998, by which it proclaimed the period 2001–2010 the International Decade for a Culture

¹ Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).



of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, and resolution [71/252](#) of 23 December 2016, adopted under the agenda item entitled “Culture of peace”,

Recalling also its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

Recalling further its resolution [70/262](#) of 27 April 2016, in which it recognized that development, peace and security, and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,

Recognizing the important role of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the work of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations on intercultural dialogue, as well as their activities related to the culture of peace and non-violence, and in this context expressing its appreciation for their ongoing efforts in promoting a culture of peace through a number of practical projects in the areas of youth, education, media and migration, in collaboration with Governments, international organizations, foundations and civil society groups, as well as the media and the private sector,

1. *Declares* 5 April the International Day of Conscience;
2. *Underlines* that the International Day of Conscience constitutes a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity, in order to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony;
3. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as the private sector and civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to build the Culture of Peace with Love and Conscience in accordance with the culture and other appropriate circumstances or customs of their local, national and regional communities, including through quality education and public awareness-raising activities, thereby fostering sustainable development;
4. *Invites* all Member States to further promote the Culture of Peace with Love and Conscience to help to ensure peace and sustainable development, including by working with communities and other relevant actors, through reconciliatory measures and acts of service and by encouraging forgiveness and compassion among individuals;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, businesses and academic and civil society organizations for appropriate observance;
6. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions.