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### Culture of peace

**Azerbaijan, Belarus, Canada, Central African Republic, Cuba, Ecuador, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam: draft resolution**

## International Year of Peace and Trust, 2021

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the Charter of the United Nations and its purposes and principles, and especially the commitment to settle disputes through peaceful means and the determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

*Recognizing* the important role of the United Nations in developing friendly relations among nations,

*Acknowledging* that the approach of multilateralism and diplomacy could reinforce the advancement of the three pillars of the United Nations, namely, sustainable development, peace and security and human rights, which are interconnected and mutually reinforcing, while observing respective mandates and the Charter,

*Recognizing* the importance of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,<sup>1</sup> which serve as the universal mandate for the international community, particularly the United Nations system, for the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence that benefits humanity, in particular future generations,

*Recognizing also* the urgent need to promote and strengthen preventive diplomacy, inter alia, through multilateralism and political dialogue, and the important role of the United Nations in this regard,

*Acknowledging* that peace and trust entail accepting differences and having the ability to listen to, recognize, respect and appreciate others, as well as living in a peaceful and united way,

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<sup>1</sup> Resolutions [53/243 A](#) and B.



*Recognizing* the role of international, regional and subregional organizations, in accordance with their mandates, in the promotion and preservation of peace,

*Recognizing also* that peace not only is the absence of conflict, but also requires a positive, dynamic participatory process where dialogue is encouraged and conflicts are solved in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation,

*Stressing* the importance of preventive diplomacy in supporting the efforts of the United Nations to promote the peaceful settlement of conflicts, in order to preserve peace,

*Reaffirming* its resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in particular paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

*Reaffirming also* the United Nations Millennium Declaration<sup>2</sup> and its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

*Encouraging* the continued and increasing efforts and activities on the part of civil society organizations throughout the world in advancing a culture of peace, as envisaged in the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,

1. *Declares* 2021 the International Year of Peace and Trust;
2. *Underlines* that the International Year of Peace and Trust constitutes a means of mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace and trust among nations based on, inter alia, political dialogue, mutual understanding and cooperation, in order to build sustainable peace, solidarity and harmony;
3. *Calls upon* the international community to continue to promote peace and trust among nations as a value that promotes sustainable development, peace and security and human rights;
4. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, other relevant international and regional organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, individuals and other relevant stakeholders, to facilitate the observance of the International Year of Peace and Trust, in an appropriate manner and to disseminate the advantages of peace and trust, including through educational and public awareness-raising activities;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals;
6. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions.

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<sup>2</sup> Resolution [55/2](#).