**[United Nations Declaration on the right to peace]**

**Preamble**

The General Assembly,

PP1 *Guided* by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

PP2 *Recalling* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Civil, Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

PP3 *Recalling* the Declaration on the Right to Development, the Millenium Declaration, including the Millenium Development Goals and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

PP4 *Mindful* of the Declaration on the Preparation of Societies for Life in Peace, the Declaration on the Right of Peoples to Peace and the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,

PP5 *Recalling* that the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations recognisedthat friendly relations among nations are based on the respect for the principles of equal rights, self-determination of peoples, territorial integrity, political independence, international cooperation, peaceful settlement of disputes, sovereignty and non-interference in domestic jurisdiction of any State,

PP6 *Recalling* that the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism recognised that acts, methods and practices of terrorism constitute a grave violation of the purposes and principles of the United Nations, which may pose a threat to international peace and security, jeopardize friendly relations among States, hinder international cooperation and aim at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and the democratic bases of society,

PP7 *Recalling* the determination of the peoples of the United Nations to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors in order to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

PP8 *Recalling* that peace and security, development and human rights are the pillars of the United Nations system and the foundations for collective security and well-being, and recognizing that development, peace and security and human rights are interlinked and mutually reinforcing,

PP9 *Recognizing* that peace is not only 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,

PP10 *Recalling* also that the recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world, and that freedom, justice and peace are prerequisites for the enjoyment of dignity and of the inalienable rights by all members of the human family,

PP11 *Recalling* that disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind,

PP12 *Recalling* in particular that everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights can be fully realized,

PP13 *Recalling* that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interrelated, interdependent and mutually reinforcing, and that the international community should treat human rights in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis,

PP14 *Recalling* that the United Nations contributes, through dialogue and cooperation, towards the prevention of human rights violations and abuses and prompt responses to human rights emergencies,

PP15 *Recalling* the world commitment to eradicate poverty and promote sustained economic growth, sustainable development and global prosperity for all and the need to reduce inequalities within and among countries,

PP16 *Recalling* the importance of prevention of armed conflict in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter and of the commitment to promote a culture of prevention of armed conflict as a means of effectively addressing the interconnected security and development challenges faced by peoples throughout the world,

PP17 *Recalling* that the full and complete development of a country, the welfare of the world and the cause of peace require the maximum participation of women on equal terms with men in all fields,

PP18 *Recalling* that since wars begin in the minds of human beings, it is in the minds of human beings that the defences of peace must be constructed,

PP19 *Recalling* also that the wide diffusion of culture, and the education of humanity for justice and liberty and peace are indispensable to the dignity of human beings and constitute a sacred duty which all the nations must fulfil in a spirit of mutual assistance and concern,

PP20 *Recalling* that a culture of peace is a set of values, attitudes, traditions and modes of behaviour and ways of life based on, among others, respect for life, ending violence and promotion and practice of non-violence through education, dialogue and cooperation and the right to development,

PP21 *Recalling* that a culture of peace is greatly enhanced when Governments, the United Nations system as well as other multilateral organizations increase considerably the resources allocated to programmes aiming at the establishment and strengthening of national legislation, national institutions and related infrastructure, which uphold human rights awareness through training, teaching and education,

PP22 *Recalling* further that respect for the diversity of cultures, tolerance, dialogue and cooperation, in a climate of mutual trust and understanding are among the best guarantees of international peace and security,

PP23 *Recalling* also that tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human, as well as a the virtue that makes peace possible and contributes to the promotion of a culture of peace,

PP24 *Recalling* that every nation and every human being, regardless of race, conscience, language or sex, has the inherent right to life in peace,

PP25 *Inviting* solemnly all stakeholders to guide themselves in their activities by recognizing the supreme importance of practicing tolerance, dialogue, cooperation and solidarity among all human beings, peoples and nations of the world as a means to promote peace through the realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular the right to life, and dignity. To that end, the present generations should ensure that both they and future generations learn to live together in peace and brotherhood with the highest aspiration of sparing future generations the scourge of war and ensuring the maintenance and perpetuation of humankind:

**Article 1**

Everyone is entitled to enjoy peace and security, human rights and development.

**Article 2**

States should respect, implement and promote equality and non-discrimination, justice and the rule of law and guarantee freedom from fear and want as a means to build peace within and between societies.

**Article 3**

The United Nations and specialized agencies, as well as international, regional, national and local organizations and civil society should take appropriate sustainable measures to act, support and assist in achieving the present Declaration.

**Article 4**

Nothing in the present Declaration shall be construed as being contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations. The provisions included in this Declaration are to be understood in the line of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relevant international and regional instruments ratified by States.