



World Peace Day

Call for international solidarity action to promote a culture of peace

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"In advance of World Peace Day, I call for worldwide engagement to promote a much needed culture of peace.

The challenge of ending the protracted armed conflicts that continue to devastate numerous countries around the globe, as well as political violence, hate speech, xenophobia, polarization, and gender and/or race-based violence and discrimination is increasingly difficult. As we celebrate World Peace Day, we must strive to achieve universal commitment to international solidarity in order to promote a culture of peace.

A culture of peace is composed of a tolerance of differences, pursuit of dialogue, equality, and inter-cultural cooperation for social cohesion. It also supports non-violence, sustainable development, and disarmament.

Article 1 of the [Revised Draft Declaration on International Solidarity](#) notes that international solidarity is an expression of unity by which peoples and individuals enjoy the benefits of a peaceful, just and equitable international order, secure their human rights and ensure sustainable development.

Everyone, including State actors, religious leaders and representatives of faith based organisations, civil society groups, corporate leaders, trade union representatives, Indigenous Peoples, minority groups, local community representatives, refugees, migrants, students and young people should take concrete action on 21 September 2024 to mark World Peace Day by creating new virtual and physical channels for peaceful dialogue, human rights and ecological education, and to promote inclusion among different groups in conflict.

I call for the sharing of good practices of international solidarity activities for a culture of peace."

Descriptions of international solidarity for a culture of peace ideas and activities can be sent to the Independent Expert by email: hrc-ie-solidarity@un.org

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