



# SRI SWAMI MADHAVANANDA WORLD PEACE COUNCIL

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## **Resolution of the World Peace Summit 2007 held under the auspices of the Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council**

Bratislava 5th – 7th October 2007, Slovak Republic

*We acknowledge the non-violent transformation out of which the Slovak Republic evolved and herald this example of peaceful transition as a way forward for other regions in conflict.*

We the undersigned gathered here today, recognise it is no coincidence that the World Peace Summit takes place in the same month as the first International Day of Non-Violence as declared by the United Nations, forevermore observing October 2nd – the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi – in recognition of the universal relevance of his message of Satyagraha and his towering example in propagating peace without resort to violence.

With the awareness of the challenges facing our world today, the aim of this Summit is to awaken the consciousness of people around the globe to the most significant issues that confront humanity and the planet – World Peace, Global Warming, Environmental Degradation and Loss of Biodiversity, Poverty, Social Inequity and Injustice, as well as issues pertaining to Youth and Health.

### **World Peace**

As we gather here today there are thousands of people dying and suffering due to the ravages of conflict. Aggression against a nation, a society or a people, is violence against all. We highlight the necessity for sustained collective efforts, to reconcile and resolve conflict wherever we find it and entreat individuals as well as world leaders to unite in their endeavours for lasting world peace. We call for an immediate end to all conflict and strongly appeal to the world's spiritual leaders to be the peacemakers. May tolerance, respect, understanding, trust and harmony be our guide (TRUTH). The World Peace Summit endorses the United Nations resolution on the High Level Dialogue on Inter-Religious and Inter-Cultural Understanding.

### **Interfaith & Inter-Cultural Dialogue**

We recognise the emergence of two driving forces in the coming decades – globalisation and inter-religious and inter-cultural dialogue. We respect that 'tradition' is the vehicle by which wisdom is passed on. We acknowledge that inter-religious forums serve to remind us of the necessity to reclaim from all faiths and spiritual traditions, the virtues of compassion and tolerance for the sake of mutual understanding and coexistence. In inter-religious dialogue trust is more important than agreement. May there be unity in our diversity.

### **Poverty Eradication**

In 2000, world leaders signed the United Nations Millennium Development Goals a blueprint to galvanise unprecedented efforts to meet the needs of the world's poorest by 2015. This year marks the halfway point towards reaching these goals and it is recognised there is still a long way to go. Thereby, we entreat the world's wealthy nations to assist developing countries who assert that the provision of basic necessities such as food and shelter is more urgent than tackling global warming. To this end, this World Peace Summit endorses the Stand Up and Make Poverty History campaign and we recommend the summit participants to take affirmative action and support this commendable initiative by joining with millions of people around the globe on 17th October, 2007 to stand up and make poverty history.

### **Protection of the Environment**

Acknowledging the legacy, good and bad, of our ancestors we understand that it is our duty to hold the planet in trust for generations to come. Currently there is grave concern about the consequence and adverse effects of climate change. We recommend that the best way for the international community to address global warming is to work within the United Nations system to construct a replacement treaty for the Kyoto Protocol which expires in 2012, and for developed countries to set an example for other nations by reducing emissions more assertively through setting mandatory caps.

### **Human Rights and Social Equity for Women and Minorities**

We promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, without distinction, at all levels of society, for all people of the world. We support the recent United Nations declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a significant step forward in improving the situation of indigenous persons around the world. We support gender equality and acknowledge the empowerment of women as vital to achieving peace and security, improved living standards and respect for human rights. Furthermore, we promote the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and the free will to express these through one's worship, practice and observance.

### **Health**

We call for all nations of the world to ensure that primary health care is the right of each citizen, as is the access to safe, clean drinking water and adequate living conditions that ensure proper health and wellbeing. Mothers, children and the aged are entitled to special care and assistance.





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## Youth

We assert that every child has a right to education. It is our duty to ensure primary education is free and that secondary and further education is accessible. No child with a wish to study should be denied that right. Ethical, spiritual and moral values ought to form the basis of a child's education with the aim to develop sound character, talents, as well as their mental and physical abilities to the fullest extent. We appeal to all parents and guardians of children to grant them the opportunity to express their visions as they are the bright light of our future.

In addition, we the hundreds of men, women and children gathered here in Bratislava for the World Peace Summit, honour the lives and creeds of His Holiness Swami Madhavananda Ji and Mahatma Gandhi Ji as exemplars of universal ~~love~~ <sup>Love.</sup> May the citizens of the world emulate their principles as a way forward to bring peace and harmony to the world.

His Holiness Vishwaguru Mahamandaleshwar  
Paramhans Swami Maheshvarananda

His Holiness Mahamandaleshwar  
Swami Niranjan Ananda Giri

His Excellency Monsignor David Cappo

Her Excellency Homai Saha

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