

## ***Manifesto 2000 for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence***

*Because* the year 2000 must be a new beginning, an opportunity to transform - all together - the culture of war and violence into a culture of peace and non-violence;

*Because* this transformation demands the participation of each and every one of us, and must offer young people and future generations the values that can inspire them to shape a world based on justice, solidarity, liberty, dignity, harmony and prosperity for all;

*Because* the culture of peace can underpin sustainable development, environmental protection and the well-being of each person;

*Because* I am aware of my share of responsibility for the future of humanity, in particular to the children of today and tomorrow,

*I pledge* in my daily life, in my family, my work, my community, my country and my region, to:

***Respect the life*** and dignity of each human being without discrimination or prejudice;

***Practice active non-violence***, rejecting violence in all its forms: physical, sexual, psychological, economical and social, in particular towards the most deprived and vulnerable such as children and adolescents;

***Share my time and material resources*** in a spirit of generosity to put an end to exclusion, injustice and political and economic oppression;

***Defend freedom of expression and cultural diversity***, giving preference always to dialogue and listening without engaging in fanaticism, defamation and the rejection of others;

***Promote consumer behaviour that is responsible*** and development practices that respect all forms of life and preserve the balance of nature on the planet;

***Contribute to the development of my community***, with the full participation of women and respect for democratic principles, in order to create together new forms of solidarity.