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 <p>The Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement</p>		
<p>Fòrum 2010</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE HUMAN RIGHT TO PEACE</p> <p>Santiago de Compostela - Spain</p> <p>9-10 December 2010</p>		
<p>Sponsorship</p>		
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 <p>Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Educación, la Ciencia y la Cultura</p> <p>Hezkuntza, Zientzia eta Kulturarako Nazio Batuen Erakundea</p> <p>unesco etxea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • centro unesco euskal herria • centre unesco pays basque • unesco centre basque country 		<p>Nord - Sud XXI</p> 

1.- BACKGROUND

The Congress is the last great activity of the four-year World Campaign on the Human Right to Peace (2007-2010) carried out by the **Spanish Society for the International Human Right to Peace** (SSIHRL), in collaboration with more than 800 NGOs from all over the world. The Campaign was designed to achieve three main objectives, namely:

Firstly, to disseminate and share the *Luarca Declaration on the Human Right to Peace* of 30 October 2006 with experts from civil society world-wide. Since the adoption of the *Luarca Declaration*, 20 regional expert meetings have been convened in the world and seven regional Declarations of adherence to the international codification process on the human right to peace have been adopted¹.

Secondly, to include the human right to peace into the agenda of the Human Rights Council and its Advisory Committee. On 17 June 2010, the Human Rights Council initiated the official codification by explicitly recognizing the important work being carried out by civil society organizations in the codification of the right to peace and requesting the Advisory Committee to prepare a *draft declaration on the right of peoples to peace*². In addition, the Advisory Committee established on 6 August 2010 a *drafting group* of four members with the mandate to prepare by January 2011 a draft declaration³. And

Thirdly, to conclude in December 2010 the international civil society codification of the human right to peace, through the adoption of a draft universal declaration which will take into account all inputs received from the different perspectives existing in various parts of the world.

Taking into account that the two first objectives have been successfully achieved, the Congress is organised to reach the third one. To this purpose, the SSIHRL in collaboration with the Forum 2010, the World Council of Churches (Geneva, Switzerland) and the Institute for Peace Studies (Alexandria, Egypt), as well as the sponsorship of numerous institutions, will organize in *Santiago de Compostela* (Spain) on 9-10 December 2010 the **International Congress on the Human Right to Peace**,⁴ in which the international civil society will be invited to achieve two main objectives:

Firstly, of a normative nature: to definitively approve the **draft universal declaration on the human right to peace**. To achieve this objective, participants will have before them Declarations already adopted by experts along with the World Campaign, namely: the *Luarca Declaration on the Human Right to Peace* of 30 October 2006; the *Bilbao Declaration on the Human Right to Peace* of 24 February 2010; and the *Barcelona Declaration on the Human Right to Peace*, adopted on 2 June 2010 by the International Drafting Committee⁵.

The *Santiago Declaration on the Human Right to Peace*, expected to be adopted on 10

¹ Cfr. VILLÁN DURÁN (C.) & FALEH PÉREZ (C.) (editors), *Regional Contributions for a Universal Declaration on the Human Right to Peace*. Luarca, SSIHRL, July 2010, 640 p. See also www.aedidh.org.

² Human Rights Council resolución 14/3 of 17 June 2010, last preambular paragraphe and disposiif paragraphe 15

³ Advisory Committee recomendación 5/2 of 6 de August 2010

⁴ The Congress will be convened in the context of the Forum 2010 (World Social Forum on Education for Peace), *Santiago de Compostela*, Spain, which will take place on 3-17 December 2010: See www.foro2010.org.

⁵ See texts of three Declarations at www.aedidh.org.

December 2010, will be brought to the attention of the Human Rights Council and its Advisory Committee as a final contribution from the international civil society to the international codification process of the right to peace. The United Nations and its member States and experts will have before them a solid text, which should be the basis of the official codification of the right to peace.

Secondly, of an institutional nature: to debate and eventually establish an **International Observatory of the Human Right to Peace** integrated in the SSIHRL to, *inter alia*, promote and implement the *Santiago Declaration on the Human Right to Peace* world-wide. It will also ensure that the current process of international codification of the right to peace takes into account the *Santiago Declaration* and comes to a successful conclusion by the UN General Assembly.

2.- METHODOLOGY OF THE CONGRESS

The International Congress on the Human Right to Peace will take place on 9 and 10 December 2010. It will be composed of three full working sessions and two commissions. Each session will last three hours (morning and afternoon). The program will also include an opening and a closing session. In addition, on 10 December 2010 the program will start with the solemn commemoration of the International Day of Human Rights.

Each working session, the opening and closing sessions, and the commemoration of the International Day of Human Rights, will be chaired by different personalities. Both Commissions will have their respective chairperson and rapporteur. A limited number of commentators will complete the essential content of the Congress.

In addition, participants will have the opportunity to take part at the discussions at the end of each session.

3.- PROGRAM

PROGRAM
9 December 2010
<p>Venue: <i>Hall of the Faculty of Communication Science of the University of Santiago de Compostela</i> (plenary)</p> <p>9h30-11h00</p> <p>OPENING SESSION</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr Adolfo Pérez Esquivel Prize Nobel Laureate (Argentina)</p> <p>Special guests:</p> <p>Dr. Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO Dr. Federico Mayor Zaragoza, President of the Foundation Culture of Peace (Spain) Honourable Ms. Noemí Martín, Counsellor of Social Welfare and Housing, Government of the Principality of Asturias (Spain)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr Anwarul K. Chowdhury (Bangladesh), President of the International Drafting Committee of the <i>Barcelona Declaration on the Human Right to Peace</i> Ms Cora Weiss (United States of America), President of <i>The Hague Appeal for Peace</i> Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit (Norway), Secretary General of the World Council of Churches Mr. Carlos Villan Duran (Spain), President of the SSIHRL</p>
11:00-11:30 h.: Coffee break
<p>11h30-13h30</p> <p>FIRST SESSION (IN PLENARY)</p> <p>Chairperson: Mr. Peter Weiss (United States of America), Vice President of the <i>Center for Constitutional Rights</i></p> <p>11h30-12h30: Presentation 1: <i>“The World Campaign on the Human Right to Peace: From the Luarca Declaration to the Barcelona Declaration on the Human Right to Peace.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Fernández Puyana, Director of the World Campaign on the Human Right to Peace • Dr. Carmelo Faleh Pérez (Spain), Secretary General of the SSIHRL <p>12h30-13h30: Presentation 2: <i>“Draft International Observatory on the Human Right to Peace.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Mario Yutzis (Argentina), former President of the UN Committee on the Elimination of the Racial Discrimination

- Dr. **Zonke Zanele Majodina** (South Africa), Member of the UN Human Rights Committee

14:00-16:00 h.: Lunch

16:00-19:00 h.: **SIMULTANEOUS WORK IN COMMISSIONS (general debate):**

First Commission

Draft Universal Declaration on the Human Right to Peace

- **Chairperson:** Prof. Dr. **Theodor Van Boven** (Netherland), former Director of the UN Human Rights Division and former Special Rapporteur on Torture of the UN Human Rights Council
 - **Rapporteur:** Mr. **Anwarul K. Chowdhury** (Bangladesh), former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and President of the International Drafting Committee of the *Barcelona Declaration on the Human Right to Peace*
- Commentators:
- Prof. Dr. **Douglas Cassel** (United States of America), Director of the Human Rights Center of the University of Notre Dame, United States of America
 - Mr. **Jose Luis Gomez del Prado** (Spain), Member of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the use of mercenaries
 - Dr. **Jesús María Alemany Briz** (Spain), President of the Foundation Seminar on Peace Research, Zaragoza
- Debate
- General conclusions

Second Commission

Draft Rules of the International Observatory on the Human Right to Peace

- **Chairperson:** Ms. **Cora Weiss** (United States of America), President of *The Hague Appeal for Peace*
 - **Rapporteur:** Prof. Dr. **Mario Yutzis** (Argentina), former President of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- Commentators:
- Prof. Dr. **Chinsung Chung** (Republic of Korea), Professor of Sociology at the Seoul National University and member of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee's drafting group
 - Dr. **Álvaro Garcé** (Uruguay), Parliamentary Commissioner for Prisons of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay
 - Dr. **Carmen Magallón** (Spain), Director of the Foundation Seminar on Peace Research, Zaragoza
- Debate

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General conclusions
<p>10 December 2010</p>
<p>Venue: <i>Hall of the Faculty of Communication Science of the University of Santiago de Compostela (plenary)</i></p> <p>9h30-10h30</p> <p>Commemoration of the International Day of Human Rights</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr. Adolfo Pérez Esquivel (Argentina), Nobel Peace Prize Laureate</p> <p>Special guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann (Nicaragua), former President of the UN General Assembly and member of the Advisory Committee's drafting group <p>(Statement video-recorded)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mona Zulficar (Egypt), President of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee's drafting group • Dr. Zonke Zanele Majodina (South Africa), Member of the UN Human Rights Committee. Former Deputy Chairperson and Commissioner at the South African Human Rights Commission • Mr. Alfred L. Marder (United States of America), President of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities
10:30-11:00 h.: Coffee break
<p>11h00-13h00:</p> <p>SECOND SESSION IN PLENARY</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr. Jesús María Alemany Briz President of the Foundation Seminar on Peace Research (Zaragoza)</p>
<p>11h00-12h00: Presentation 3: "From the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the Universal Declaration of the Human Right to Peace."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Douglas Cassel (United States of America), Director of the Human Rights

Center of the University of Notre Dame, United States of America

- Prof. Dr. **Theodor Van Boven** (Netherland), former Director of the UN Human Rights Division and former Special Rapporteur on Torture of the UN Human Rights Council

12h00-13h00: **Presentation 4:** “From the right of peoples to peace to the human right to peace”

- Dr. **Mona Zulficar** (Egypt), President of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee’ drafting group
- Dr. **Wolfgang S. Heinz** (Germany), Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee’ drafting group

13:00-15:00 h: Lunch

15h30-18h30:

THIRD SESSION (IN PLENARY)

Chairperson: Mr. **Jose Luis Gomez del Prado**

Member of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the use of mercenaries

15h30-16h00: Report by rapporteur of the **First Commission**, Dr. **Anwarul K. Chowdhury**: final draft of the Universal Declaration on the Human Right to Peace.

16h00-16h30: General debate

16h30-17h00: Adoption of the *Santiago Declaration on the Human Right to Peace*

17h00-17h30: Report by rapporteur of the **Second Commission**, Dr. **Mario J. Yutzis**: Internal Rules of the International Observatory on the Human Right to Peace

17h30-18h00: General debate

18h00-18h30: *Adoption of the Internal Rules of the International Observatory on the Human Right to Peace*

18:30 – 19:30 h.

Closing session of the International Congress on the Human Right to Peace

Chairperson: Dr. **Adolfo Pérez Esquivel**
Peace Prize Nobel Laureate (Argentina)

Speakers:

- Mr. **Anwarul K. Chowdhury** (Bangladesh), former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Ms. **Cora Weiss** (United States of America), President of *The Hague Appeal for Peace*

- Dr. **Azza el Kholly** (Egypt), Deputy Director of the Institute for Peace Studies, Alexandria
- Dr. **Manuel Dios Diz** (Spain), Vice President of the Foundation Culture of Peace and General Coordinator of Forum 2010
- Mr. **Carlos Villan Duran** (Spain), President of the SSIHRL

4.- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

It is expected that some 200 persons will participate at the International Congress.

The Chairperson of the international congress will be Dr. **Adolfo Pérez Esquivel**, Peace Prize Nobel Laureate (Argentina).

Dr. **Irina Bokova**, Director General of UNESCO, Prof. Dr. **Federico Mayor Zaragoza**, President of the Foundation Culture of Peace (Spain) and Honourable Ms. **Noemí Martín**, Counsellor of Social Welfare and Housing, Government of the Principality of Asturias (Spain) will be special guests.

Dr. **Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann** (former President of the UN General Assembly and member of the Advisory Committee's drafting group) will participate by video message.

Additional speakers invited are:

- Mr. **Anwarul K. Chowdhury**, former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and President of the International Drafting Committee of the *Barcelona Declaration on the Human Right to Peace*;
- Rev. Dr. **Olav Fykse Tveit**, Secretary General of the World Council of Churches
- Prof. Dr. **Theo Van Boven**, former Director of the UN Human Rights Division and former Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Commission on the question of Torture;
- Prof. Dr. **Mario Yutzis**, former president of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and member of the expert workshop on the right of peoples to peace held in December 2009;
- Mr. **Carlos Villán Durán**, Professor of international human rights law, former member of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and President of the SSIHRL;
- Dr. **Wolfgang S. Heinz**, Senior human rights researcher at the German Institute for Human Rights and rapporteur of the HRC Advisory Committee's drafting group;
- Dr. **Mona Zulficar**, President of the HRC Advisory Committee's drafting group;
- Prof. Dr. **Chinsung Chung**, Professor of Sociology at the Seoul National University and member of the HRC Advisory Committee's drafting group;
- Ms. **Cora Weiss**, President of the The Hague Appeal for Peace;
- Mr. **Peter Weiss**, Vice President of the Center for Constitutional Rights;
- Prof. Dr. **Douglas Cassel**, Director of the Human Rights Center of the University of Notre Dame, United States of America and member of the International Drafting

Committee of the *Barcelona Declaration on the Human Right to Peace*;

- Dr. **Jesús María Alemany Briz**, President of the Foundation Seminar on Peace Research, Zaragoza
- Dr. **Carmen Magallón Portolés**, Vicepresident of the Spanish Association of Research for Peace (AIPAZ) and Director of the Seminar on Peace Research Foundation, Zaragoza;
- Dr. **Carmelo Faleh Pérez**, Professor of International Public Law, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Secretary General of the SSIHRL and member of the Drafting Committees of the *Luarca and Bilbao Declarations on the Human Right to Peace*;
- Mr. **David Fernández Puyana**, Director of the SSIHRL World Campaign on the Human Right to Peace;
- Mr. **José Luis Gómez del Prado**, member of the HRC Working Group on the use of mercenaries and rapporteur of the *Barcelona Declaration on the Human Right to Peace*;
- Mr. **Alfred Marder**, President of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities;
- Dr. **Zonke Zanele Majodina**, Member of the UN Human Rights Committee. Former Deputy Chairperson and Commissioner at the South African Human Rights Commission. Member of the International Drafting Committee of the *Barcelona Declaration on the Human Right to Peace*;
- Dr. **Álvaro Garcé**, Parliamentary Commissioner for Prisons of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay

5.-TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

The technical Secretariat of the Congress will be provided by the **SSIHRL** and will be composed of the following persons:

- Dr. **Carmelo Faleh Pérez**, Professor of International Public Law, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and Secretary General of the SSIHRL;
- Dr. **Hernando Valencia Villa**, Colombia, Professor of human rights at the *Syracuse University* in Madrid and member of the Executive Board of the SSIHRL;
- Mr. **David Fernández Puyana**, Director of the SSIHRL World Campaign on the Human Right to Peace;
- Prof. Dr. **Carmen Parra**, Secretary General of the University Abad Oliva, Barcelona, and member of the SSIHRL
- Mr. **Eduardo Rivera**, collaborator and member of the SSIHRL, Madrid

6.- GENERAL COORDINATION

The Organisations will assume the general coordination of the Congress, which will be trusted to the following persons:

SSIHRL:

Mr. **David Fernández Puyana**, Director of the World Campaign on the Human Right to Peace

and representative of the SSIHRL in Geneva

WCC:

Ms. **Christina Papazoglou**, head of the human rights program of the World Council of Churches, Geneva (Switzerland)

IPS:

Dr. **Azza el Kholy**, Deputy Director of the Institute for Peace Studies, Alexandria (Egypt)

FORUM 2010:

Dr. **Manuel Dios Diz**, Vice President of the Foundation Culture of Peace and General Coordinator of Forum 2010

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