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Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns
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COMMITTEE OF THE "CONFERENCE OF NGOS IN CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE UNITED NATIONS" (CONGO)

APPEAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS A CALL FOR SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT

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Supported by organisations accredited to the UN in Geneva, New York and Vienna

We, the undersigned, civil society organisations

- **remind** all United Nations Member States that in signing the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, they have recognised the right of the Peoples of the world to peace and have renounced war as a means of international politics. Despite this, military actions and budgets are increasing to unprecedented levels,
- **accept** that all human beings have an identity beyond the material dimension. We believe that peace will not be reached without the acknowledgement and respect of our human and spiritual identities and values, which form the ultimate basis for universal human rights,
- **urge** all governments and world leaders to accept their collective and individual duties and responsibilities and, together with their citizens, commit to sharing their resources,
- **request** that these values be more consciously and concretely integrated into the United Nations system as we are **concerned** about the insufficiency of political will to implement the universal values and spiritual principles contained in the United Nations Charter.

Considering those facts, we **call** on the

Secretary General of the United Nations and all Member States

- **to recommit** to the universal values contained in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights signed for the establishment of world peace and security, human rights and international justice,
- **to ensure** the implementation of the founding principles and values in their governing policies and actions, thereby demonstrating greater spiritual will and political commitment to serve the needs of people and establish decent human rights regulation mechanisms nationally and internationally,
- **to publicly acknowledge** and systematically take into account the ethical and spiritual dimensions throughout national and global development strategies as essential preconditions to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and sustainable world peace,
- **to effectively transfer** military expenditures to true human development.
- **to propose** that the World Health Organization (WHO) adds the spiritual dimension to its definition of health as follows: "*Health is a state of complete physical, mental, **spiritual** and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity*".

We commit ourselves to upholding the values contained in the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and include the UN Secretary General and Member States in our daily prayers and meditations: May they be graced with the courage, wisdom, strength and discernment needed for the accomplishment of their respective mandates.

We invite all to join us in our commitment for the common good and a better humanity and sign the Appeal to the UN.

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The Appeal with signatures will be transmitted to the UN Secretary General

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