

World Peace Agreement

Global Citizens for Peace



Exposé

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1. Introduction

Human beings long for lasting peace, security, and human rights. This is a universal concern of humanity. In a world marked by conflict, injustice, environmental destruction, multiple crises, hatred, and cruelty, innovative approaches are needed to shape a peaceful and sustainable future. Official peace treaties and efforts between states alone do not create a lived culture of peace. They reach their limits where inner attitudes and trust between people are concerned.

In addition to governmental peace efforts, mutual understanding among global citizens is also necessary. This is where the World Peace Agreement comes in: the idea is that people around the world form a peace alliance across borders and create a global movement for peace.

The World Peace Agreement aims to: establish a direct connection between its signatories; provide moral support; and foster awareness in relation to peace. Peace will be achieved through understanding, not through violence. Our mission is: to promote sustainable peacebuilding through networking, cooperation, education, and mutual assistance.

The vast majority of people throughout global civil society want to live in peace. They are convinced that conflicts should be resolved peacefully, justice should prevail, and the dignity of every human being and every living creature should be respected. Nevertheless, for a large proportion of all living beings, the world remains a struggle for survival which often seems hopeless.

The World Peace Agreement is also about recognizing that perceived threats often lead to aggression and dehumanization. In the light of known processes of dehumanization, the World Peace Agreement reminds us to recognize socio-psychological patterns such as “us against them” and “friend against enemy.” It urges us to act preventively and to uphold the rule of law even when we reach the end of our tether.

True stability arises when we recognize individuals and groups worldwide as legitimate members of a global community under the rule of law and respect each person’s inalienable human dignity. This requires a climate of security, trust, and a common set of values.

Restoring peace is difficult, especially if it is meant to be more than just the absence of violence. Successful peace negotiations require a plan and the ability to empathize with others, listen to them, and engage in dialogue. This demands patience and humility. It requires great commitment, especially in institutional truth and reconciliation processes which involve both victims and perpetrators.

Creating opportunities for dialogue, speaking the liberating truth about conflicts or crimes, and opening hearts to forgiveness and acknowledgment are challenging steps. By taking them we can look toward the future together and establish processes that reconcile, heal, unite, and give hope for a better future. In order for human beings and other creatures to live together happily, it is necessary to have a shared understanding of humanity and what it means to be human.

Many of the negative global developments caused by humans are primarily due to an unjust distribution of power. The concentration of power in the hands of a few soon leads to abuse. International treaties are broken, international law is ignored, and the United Nations is sometimes powerless because decisions can be blocked by one of the five states who possess the right to exercise a veto. As a result, immense human suffering is happening in every moment. It is also true that individual (autocratic) warmongers are primarily responsible for wars and must therefore be appropriately punished under international law.

The World Peace Agreement seeks to form a counterbalance to these negative developments by uniting citizens for peace around the world. It builds on the traditions and achievements of democratic constitutions and international treaties for human rights, peace, and disarmament. Unlike agreements between nations, it is signed by individuals in order to positively influence the structures and processes of our global community.

By signing, individuals shift roles - from passive observers to active co-creators of global politics. This fosters global awareness, personal responsibility, and empowerment. Signatories no longer belong to the “silent majority”, but actively position themselves as part of a global peace movement that thinks beyond national borders.

Strengthening Peace, the Rule of Law, and Human Rights

There is an urgent need for a global initiative to promote, preserve, and strengthen democracy. Positive relationships between individuals, cultural groups, and nations are essential for this.

Democracies provide the best guarantees for peace, prosperous societies, the rule of law, and the protection of human rights. Environmental protection, science, education, social justice, and health - all of these develop better in well-functioning democracies. The World Peace Agreement provides a clear framework and concrete goals for connecting individuals and strengthening relationships, thereby promoting peace worldwide.

This requires a fundamental transformation of the way in which nations, cultures, and individuals interact. Recognizing the deep interconnectedness of all people and firmly believing that lasting peace can only be achieved through cooperation, mutual respect, trust, and respect for human dignity, the signatories enter into an agreement to create a peaceful and just world.

In the spirit of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a world free from the scourge of war is to be created, following a comprehensive agenda for disarmament and peace.

Peacekeeping

Peace is defined here as freedom from war, violence, and fear - allowing people to live in safety. It also includes the active promotion of global social justice and the securing of ecologically sustainable prosperity for all. This includes material, health-related, social, ecological, educational, and cultural aspects - a holistic approach that seeks the well-being of all living beings and creation as a whole. This requires respect for human rights, protection of minorities, respect for the rights of nature, the separation of powers, and respect for mechanisms which prevent abuses of power.

These principles will hopefully lead to freedom, contentedness, and the opportunity to live a happy life. The World Peace Agreement symbolizes both inner peace within individuals and external peace through mutual support, appreciation, and security. It promotes democratic values, human rights, and the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

Furthermore, it calls for democratizing the United Nations through initiatives such as the “We the Peoples” campaign with its call for a democratically elected global parliament, citizen participation mechanisms, and global advisory councils¹.

2. Organization

The non-profit organization Gaiaocracy e.V.² will initially support the World Peace Agreement project and provide the necessary infrastructure. This agreement is intended to become widely known so that people around the world can sign it, align themselves with its goals and principles described below, and work together toward global peace. To achieve this, digital platforms will be used to enable global networking and public outreach. Peace education in schools and the organization of events that promote awareness of the World Peace Agreement and the idea of peace are to be encouraged.

The World Peace Agreement project is intended to initiate the creation of an umbrella organization for the global networking of peace actors and, in cooperation with peace activists and peace organizations, to build the infrastructure for a global peace movement.

A support center will be established as a contact and coordination hub to assist individuals and organizations in implementing peace-promoting measures. Digital platforms will provide information about organizations and individuals committed to peace, encouraging the exchange of ideas and experiences and supporting joint initiatives.

They will also serve to initiate and support peace projects launched by the signatories of the agreement. It is considered important to provide continuous support for all questions and concerns. The development of this infrastructure for the World Peace Agreement is guided by a code of values, which will define ethical conduct and cooperation. Strong support from the network of signatories is essential for its implementation.

3. World Peace Agreement

A peaceful world begins with each individual - not with governments or international organizations. The concept of the World Peace Agreement starts at the individual level and aims to create a global pact for peace, respect, and cooperation.

¹See also: <https://www.wethepeoples.org/> — The principal demands of the “We The Peoples” campaign include (a) the establishment of a **United Nations World Citizens’ Initiative (UNWCI)**, enabling individuals to submit proposals on matters of global significance; (b) the creation of a **United Nations Parliamentary Assembly (UNPA)**, providing for the participation of elected representatives and constituting a step toward the development of a world parliament and a global constitution; (c) the appointment of a **high-level United Nations Special Envoy for Civil Society**, mandated to proactively facilitate the inclusion of civil society actors; (d) the introduction of **sortition-based citizens’ assemblies** (a global citizens’ council); and (e) the designation of a **Democracy Commissioner** as a permanent component of the advisory framework of the United Nations.

These measures are intended to enhance the participation of citizens, elected representatives, and civil society organizations. Strengthened civic engagement contributes to the legitimacy of the United Nations and may serve to initiate and support further institutional reforms.

The campaign is coordinated by the civil society organizations *Democracy International e.V.*, *Democracy Without Borders e.V.*, and *CIVICUS*, and is supported globally by more than 350 non-governmental organizations, including *Greenpeace International*, *Avaaz*, *Open Society Foundations*, and *Bread for the World*.

² The term “**Gaiaocracy**” is a neologism meaning “Earth democracy”. It is composed of the Greek word “*Gaia*” - the personification of Earth and the Earth Mother in Greek mythology - and the English word “*democracy*”.

The World Peace Agreement is a declaration of commitment to world peace. It is a call to action - if not now, when? The vision is that every individual acts as a peacemaker. Through the connection and mutual support of these individuals, a powerful force emerges that can bring about positive change in the world. A global movement for peace is created.

Active participation can accelerate this process. Ways in which people can contribute can be identified through a questionnaire, through the community of the World Peace Agreement, and through an advisory team available for questions, suggestions, and exchange.

Furthermore, the agreement can be personalized - without altering its fundamental nature - and supplemented with individually chosen commitments.

The agreement can be signed online via a dedicated website, where anyone can make a statement for peace. Signatories can download their individual World Peace Agreement or receive it as a certificate.

3.1 Preamble and Articles

The formal declaration of the World Peace Agreement is followed by ten articles outlining the fundamental principles and individual commitments of the signatories. The signatories pledge to implement these to the best of their ability.

Preamble

I am aware that true peace begins in the thoughts and actions of each and every individual person. From there, peace can extend to our relationships, our communities, and to the whole world. As a signatory to this agreement, I am committed to striving for world peace and a good, just, and fair life for all.

My goal is to promote and uphold respect, justice, cooperation, and general well-being, and to live by and spread this agreement.

As global citizens, we are part of planet Earth and must take responsibility for its protection. I enter into this agreement with the community of all signatories.

Goals and Principles

Article 1

Hope and Personal Commitment

I strive for world peace and a good life for all living beings. I approach this aspiration with humility and take responsibility for my daily thoughts and actions - peace begins with me. I believe in the possibility of a better world – and try to contribute to it every day as best as I can.

Article 2

Self-Reflection and Personal Responsibility

I acknowledge that inner peace, within oneself, improves the chances of peace with others. I am therefore willing to critically examine my own prejudices, fears, and conflicts in order to build bridges instead of walls. I educate myself about peace, justice, and sustainability, and share this knowledge with others.

Article 3

Willingness to engage in Dialogue and Promotion of Empathy and Understanding

Every human being possesses inalienable dignity and deserves respect for their individual path in life. It is important to consciously recognize one's own prejudices and actively work to overcome discrimination. Even if one does not agree with certain actions, one should acknowledge that every person is trying to shape their life as best they can.

I therefore treat my fellow human beings with empathy and consciously seek to understand their perspectives in order to act with kindness and genuine understanding. With compassion, I open myself to the experiences of others, share - whenever possible - both their joys and their suffering, and offer help where it is needed. I listen without prejudice and choose my words in a way that connects people rather than divides them. I actively support education and intercultural exchange in order to make a lasting contribution to deepening mutual understanding and compassion in our world.

Article 4

Humanity and Human Rights

I am committed to upholding universal human rights, freedom, and democracy worldwide. I stand in solidarity with those who live under dictatorships or are politically oppressed, and seek to overcome this through legitimate means.

Violations of human rights and international law can never be justified, regardless of who perpetrates them. Justice depends on rigorous investigation and prosecution of crimes, and reparation, along with comprehensive support for those affected.

Article 5

Justice and Equality

I advocate the fair distribution of resources and equal opportunities, and I work against poverty and injustice as far as I can. I aim to promote sustainable prosperity for all and oppose exploitation, while supporting integrity and fairness in economic relationships.

Article 6

Environmental Awareness, Solidarity, and Shared Responsibility

I recognize the Earth as a living home for all, and act to protect it. Together with my fellow human beings, I work toward finding solutions to global challenges. I acknowledge that a healthy planet and a respectful relationship with all forms of life on Earth are essential for peace and the well-being of humanity.

Article 7

Nonviolent Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation

I fundamentally reject all forms of violence in interpersonal and societal contexts, whether physical, psychological, verbal or emotional. I advocate nonviolent methods of conflict resolution, nonviolent resistance, and civilian defense, so that they may become better known and practiced throughout civil society. I support peaceful conflict resolution mechanisms and institutions that promote peace and justice.

Article 8

Right to Self-Defense

My right to immediate and proportionate self-defense of myself, my family, and my community does not contradict the substance of this agreement, but is part of my inalienable human rights. I advocate the condemnation of wars of aggression. Any government that wages such a war must be held accountable before an international court.

Article 9

Moral Courage and Active Solidarity

In the light of the preceding articles, I also regard the World Peace Agreement as a pact of mutual support: If I notice that someone is suffering or being subjected to violence, I will not look away, but will offer my support to the affected person. I am aware that even if I am unable to intervene at a crucial moment, it is never too late to assist those affected and to take action afterwards.

Furthermore, I encourage others to offer their support as well, so that those affected by violence and misfortune, by isolation and helplessness, are not left alone. I do this in the firm conviction that I am making a small contribution to peace and a better world.

Article 10

Peace Ambassadors – Responsibility for the Future

I recognize that peace is an ongoing process that requires constant care, vigilance, and truth-telling. Even in times of doubt, I will hold on to the vision of a peaceful world. To the best of my knowledge and guided by my conscience, I will strive to be a role model for peaceful and respectful behavior and inspire others to commit themselves to peace.

My goal is to help shape a world in which freedom, security, and justice are made possible for all. I pass on this vision as a hope to future generations, so that all life may flourish in dignity.

Entry into Force

The signatories of this agreement enter into a personal pact with all other signatories for a peaceful world characterized by harmony, respect, tolerance, mindfulness toward life, and peaceful cooperation, in order to promote a culture of peace in our daily lives. They pledge to integrate the World Peace Agreement into their lives to the best of their ability.

This agreement enters into force when signed by a signatory.

4. Closing Remarks

Everyone can contribute to peace. We are all invited to join this peace movement and work together to create a just and peaceful world. Our Earth is our home planet. Only a thin atmosphere protects us. Therefore, we all share responsibility for everything on Earth. Land and water belong to all. Natural resources belong to all. Equal rights apply to everyone, and power must be shared among all. The severe threat to and on-going destruction of biodiversity shows how urgently we must expand our awareness in order to actively protect, preserve, and promote life in all its diversity. Therefore, everyone should treat others as they themselves wish to be treated and refrain from doing to others what they would find unpleasant or undesirable if it were done to themselves.

A good life, for many, primarily means health, security, education, and social participation - in short, a dignified and self-determined existence. The following aspects of essential public services contribute significantly to this:

- Secure livelihoods
- Access to affordable, quality healthcare
- Social relationships and community
- Education and personal development
- Safety and stability
- Affordable, quality housing (water, heating, electricity)
- Cultural opportunities, leisure, and mobility
- Self-determination and political participation
- A healthy environment

The World Peace Agreement community seeks to expand and improve these factors. History offers many examples of successful peace agreements and binding international treaties. We see ourselves in this tradition, combined with the idea that peace begins with each individual. Thus, the World Peace Agreement community will work to help create political conditions that ensure social justice and democratic participation, in order to establish global peace while also preserving our natural environment.

As people sign this agreement, an alliance is formed to build a culture of peace in our lives and in the world. All signatories meet on an equal footing. Together, we can create a future in which peace, justice, compassion, and love are the norm.
Join us - so that there may be peace on Earth.

Initiators

Democracy Forum Waldeck-Frankenberg, Gaiamocracy e.V., and civil society actors (as of February 2026). We welcome ideas and feedback. Contact: info@worldpeaceagreement.org

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