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THE GLOBAL COUNCIL FOR TOLERANCE AND PEACE ANNOUNCES ANNUAL AWARD FOR MEDIA

AND UNIVERSITY ON WORLD PEACE DAY

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USPA NEWS - On the occasion of the International Day of Peace on 21 September, the President of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace, Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Jarwan, issued a statement saying: "Today we live in a world full of wars, terrorism, criminality and violations, where there is a growing sense of insecurity and no confidence, while the vast majority of people want peace and dignity." The Council has signed a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for the purpose of cooperation and for building international partnerships and an agreement with the State of Malta on the diplomatic immunities and privileges of the Council's members.

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But the question is, how can we achieve peace through nonviolence? Peace is a human right. This right can only be achieved through a new approach based on instilling a culture of tolerance in societies and nations, defending human rights, respecting freedoms and beliefs, addressing the root causes of conflicts, providing access to justice and building accountable institutions. A peaceful society is a society with justice and equality. No sustainable peace without sustainable economic and social development which fights poverty and hunger, provides health, education, water, energy and social justice, ensures gender equality and takes care of the environment.-----

On this day, we call upon States and societies to strive to reduce all forms of violence, combat terrorism, end abuse, exploitation and trafficking in human beings, especially children, reduce corruption and bribery, and establish effective and transparent institutions which can be held accountable.-----

We affirm the right of everyone to possess all rights and freedoms without discrimination of any kind, in particular discrimination on grounds of race, color, sex, language, religion or opinion. Darkness cannot be expelled by darkness, hatred cannot be driven out by hatred, dialogue and tolerance are the key. Those who implant hatred reap violence.

Let us all commit ourselves to being leaders of tolerance and peacemakers.-----

The Global Council for Tolerance and Peace announced the launch of a program to grant a series of awards at the continental and global levels each year to promote the ideals of peace and to celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a historic document adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris on 10 December 1948.

The awards will be granted to media professionals and media organizations who contribute to instilling a culture of dialogue and openness, empowering women, defending children's issues and promoting tolerance and peace in the face of extremism, racism, violence, hatred and terrorism. Awards will also be bestowed on universities and students who rely on scientific and humanitarian disciplines related to promoting a culture of tolerance and concepts of peace, as well as the most prominent human rights and peace-building activists worldwide. The awards program aims to reward scientific, artistic and cultural activities or those who contribute to the spirit of tolerance and non-violence."

ABOUT GLOBAL COUNCIL FOR TOLERANCE AND PEACE-----

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IDEA ESTABLISHING THE GLOBAL COUNCIL FOR TOLERANCE AND PEACE-----

The First Idea of establishing the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace. is : Throughout the world, nations seek security, peace, stability and happiness for all human beings regardless of color, gender, origin, creed or religion. Despite efforts to prevent

international and regional disputes and conflicts, the international community has witnessed a steady increase in international and regional conflicts that have erupted over the past decades and caused death to millions of people around the world. In order to build a real and sustainable peace for mankind, these escalating problems must not be solved by resorting to violence or the use of military force, which complicates these conflicts. The best solution is to promote a culture of tolerance among peoples and among nations, and to adopt the soft power policy which some countries realized and considered the importance thereof and called for them globally.

OBJECTIVES OF THE GLOBAL COUNCIL FOR TOLERANCE AND PEACE-----

The Objectives of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace are as follows :

1. The Global Council for Tolerance and Peace aims to:

- promote the value of tolerance and culture of peace;
- fight against discrimination, religious sectarianism, ethnocentrism and sectarian bigotry among human beings; and
- develop the norms of international law to strengthen the principles of tolerance for achieving peace.

2. The Global Council for Tolerance and Peace takes into account some principles, namely:

- Respect for the United Nations´ principles and support of the achievement of its objectives, respect for the rules of international law relevant to the work of non-governmental organizations, respect for the national laws of the States where the duties of the Council are exercised and the empowerment of women, youth and persons with disabilities and enabling them to play effective roles at the national and international levels.

Third: Composition of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace

The Global Council for Tolerance and Peace is composed of four main organs, namely:

Constituent Assembly

The Constituent Assembly shall be composed of internationally distinguished and respected characters, who are of good repute, high standing and honorable history in the fields of peace and tolerance.

At its first meeting, the Council shall elect the Chairman of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace.

The Constituent Assembly of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace shall hold its meeting once a year at the Council´s head office or elsewhere, and the Constituent Assembly shall hold extraordinary meetings in emergency situations.

Governing Body

The Governing Body is composed of the Chairman of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace, elected by the Constituent Assembly and his team of assistants, advisers and secretaries. The Chairman of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace exercises his powers and competences to achieve the Council's objectives and implement the strategy on tolerance and peace. The Chairman shall be the legal representative of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace and its official spokesperson. The Governing Body shall be responsible for the administration of all the affairs of the Organization and its departments. The Global Council for Tolerance and Peace has a Secretariat General affiliated to the Governing Body, and such Secretariat General serves as the administrative and executive body of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY -----

The membership of the General Assembly of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace shall be open for natural or corporate persons who are concerned with tolerance and peace. Membership application may be submitted by anyone who has the capacity to contribute effectively to efforts to promote tolerance and world peace, whether through research efforts, constructive visions or proposals, or field work, regardless of nationality, and the Council may reject any membership application. The General Assembly is a gathering place for those who are concerned with tolerance, security and peace around the world, held every year, and concerned with studying ways to promote tolerance and peace, ways to overcome obstacles to the application of the standards recognized by the United Nations. The General Assembly of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace does not issue any binding resolutions.

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