

## A PACT for the Future “Culture of Peace” Recommendation Submitted on 12-31-23

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### Chapeau:

The “actionable” evolutionary **UN Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace (CoP) A/RES/53/243** adopted by the General Assembly (GA) in 1999 must be integrated into *A Pact for the Future* (PACT) for greater UN innovation and synthesis, as it can provide a missing link helping the UN fulfill its mission to “end the scourge of war.” Aligned with the science of nonviolence, **CoP is a comprehensive, UN established “blueprint” or “roadmap” of actions necessary at all levels of existence to manifest sustainable peace.** If utilized in the PACT Culture of Peace could provide a new, unified global structure for the UN to connect and coordinate recognized peace actions for greater synergy and effectiveness. War will be inevitable until a new, rational, productive system is solidly in place providing the structure and platform for conflict resolution to routinely happen.

### **Chapter II: International peace and security:**

The UN’s 75-year-old quest “to end the scourge of war” has paradoxically devolved into a worldwide culture of violence at this most dangerous inflection point in history. Thus, it is imperative that the advanced peacebuilding concept of the Culture of Peace be a focal point within this futuristic PACT, for it has received growing understanding and appreciation both at the UN and within civil society in the last 25 years. In keeping with its recently evolved history at the UN, A/RES/53/243 adds clear “actionable” guidance aligned with the relatively new field of peace studies at a time when the world is hopelessly paralyzed by the existential escalation of violence at all levels, which in becoming normalized, threatens even greater planetary peril. Examples of civil society “infrastructures for peace” based on A/RES/53/243 now making a difference in the world include the Ashland Culture of Peace Commission in Oregon, USA and Rotary International showing great promise for peace at local city levels.

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within the powerful new discipline of peace studies. A/RES/53/243 provides a currently missing overarching peacebuilding framework on how to construct true and lasting world peace. Rendering it essential to the PACT would endow this important futuristic document genuine “new paradigm” relevance. So let the Culture of Peace (already conceived in the heart of humanity) become the foundation upon which our children and their children’s children can continue building the future civilization. Unleashing the knowledge of how to cultivate world peace this way will amplify desperately needed UN reform and transformation.

## **Chapter V: Transforming global governance:**

Article 5 of A/RES/43/243 states that “governments have an essential role in promoting and strengthening a culture of peace.” Per the UN New Agenda for Peace - Action #3 one recommendation is to *develop national prevention strategies to address the different drivers and enablers of violence and conflict in societies and strengthen national “infrastructures for peace.” Further that Member States seeking to establish or strengthen national “infrastructures for peace” should be able to access a tailor-made package of support and expertise. The pairing of these two guiding UN principles “Culture of Peace and Infrastructure for Peace” should be included in the PACT together as a futuristic step toward UN fulfillment of its peace mission. Culture of Peace declares the UN’s peace vision as normative and prescribes the roadmap of actions needed at all levels to actualize it. Governmental Infrastructures for Peace such as Departments and Ministries of Peace are the roadways or platforms of peace architecture that support essential peace actions like diplomacy to readily occur so peace can take root and grow. Together these two constructs give shape, form and substance to the capacity for peace by operationalizing and institutionalizing peacebuilding as the missing connective layer needed to sustain peace. Both principles are designed to prevent and reduce violence thus are mutually reinforcing. Integrated within the PACT, that synergistic impact of collaborative connection would facilitate significant UN reform and transformation.*

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*"Love for peace is not enough. Beyond it we need a vision of peace, a science of peace, a strategy for peace and innumerable actions for peace." Dr Robert Muller (former UN Assistant Secretary-General, Prophet of Hope and Philosopher of the UN)*