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The 2nd Annual Commemoration of September 18th World Alliance of Religions' Peace Summit



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Entering into the New Era of Peace through the Peace Gate





“Now let us work together towards establishing a lasting peace. It is in our hands whether our future generations inherit a legacy of everlasting peace or a future where they will suffer in wars. It is us who must achieve the cessation of war through international law and the alliance of religions. This path we are walking will write a glorious page in the history of peace and shine forever.”



“With the heart of a mother, who gives birth and raises a child, and with the heart that loves life and cares about future generations, the IWPG has earnestly called for the cessation of war. If we step forward and make all-out efforts to achieve peace, world peace will quickly become a reality. We will definitely make it happen. When light meets light, there is victory.”

Overview of the 2nd Annual Commemoration of September 18th WARP Summit

On 17 – 19 September 2014, HWPL hosted the World Alliance of Religions' Peace (WARP) Summit for the sole purpose—world peace and cessation of war. To resolve the root causes of conflict, HWPL has focused on an international legal document that would prevent the outbreak of war and on the alliance of religions. In 2015, at the 1st Annual Commemoration of the WARP Summit, the HWPL International Law Peace Committee was launched and began in earnest to draft the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) proclaimed on 14 March this year. The WARP Summit 2016 has motivated global citizens to acknowledge the valuable principles delineated in the Declaration and actively advocate for its future adoption by all peoples and States. The spirit of peace surrounded by the culture of heaven brought together the collective wishes of all humanity, the sustainable solutions for world peace.



 44 Countries  122 Participants



 44 Countries  191 Participants



 50 Countries  220 Participants



 90 Countries  299 Participants



Entrance Ceremony of the Peace Festival for the WARP Summit



The royal procession accompanying guards, court officials and bands is a ritual when a king leaves from the palace to a destination for an event or purpose. Through this procession, kings not only demonstrated the dignity and power of the kingdom but also used the ritual as a path of communication with people to understand their lives and study public sentiment.



The Haka, a traditional Maori dance from New Zealand, is the unique, vigorous, warrior-like movement and was performed by youth members of HWPL, welcomed the peace-builders from the globe. The powerful energy of peace prevailed with a rousing cry from the Haka performers with the minds urging the globe to take action for peace.



The World National Flower Parade, marching with the variety of 40 national flowers, showed an important message to the global community – people with different nations, ethnicities, religions and cultures should understand each other and live together in the same planet.



Silla (57 BC – 935 AD) was an ancient kingdom in the Korean Peninsula and one of longest sustained kingdoms in world history. With the legacy of a rich history, Silla played a significant role in constructing the identity of the Korean people. The performance demonstrated the spirit of respect on life and harmony, the basic education for youth leaders in Silla called “Hwarang.”



The HWPL Card Stunt, Astonishing Moment of Peace



[Scene 1] The History of War

All wars that occurred since the twentieth century, including World War I & II, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, and the ongoing conflicts in Afghanistan and Syria, as well as the atrocities committed during war-time were lively expressed.

[Scene 2] Articles of DPCW

HWPL's peace activities aim to remove the stains of war and leave the legacy of a peaceful world to future generations. The process of the proclamations of the Declaration of Peace on May 25, 2013, and the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War on March 14, 2016 was seen at a glance.

[Scene 3] Korea, the Core Nation of Peace

The only divided nation in the world, the two Koreas, has seen the peaceful unification within the world of peace achieved through the DPCW. The footsteps of HWPL drew all wars to a full stop and brought forth peace and unity.



scene 2

scene 3

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Total period of making cards: approx. 2 months

5

Weight of cards for each performer: 5 kg

54

No. of cards handled by each performer: 54 cards (average)

180

Total hours and weeks of practice: 180 hours over the span of 18 weeks

300

Frequency of folding/unfolding: approx. 300 times

12,126

Total No. of volunteers: 12,126 volunteers (11,440 performers, 686 staff)

617,760

Total cards used for card stunt: approx. 617,760 cards

Commemorative Addresses of HWPL Chairman & IWPG Chairwoman



Mr. Man Hee Lee
HWPL Chairman & Peace Advocate

Greetings to family of peace from home and abroad, and welcome to the Peace Festival for the 2nd Annual Commemoration of the WARP Summit. Here today at the Peace Festival for the 2nd Annual Commemoration of the WARP Summit, the spirits of heaven and people of the earth are gathered, as well as the eyes, ears, and hearts of the global community.

Dear family of peace, politicians, people of religion, and global community, let us cease all wars and leave peace as an eternal legacy for our future generations. This is the mission that we must fulfill in this generation and a special command from heaven. And it is the way for humanity to survive.

Messengers of peace around the world, HWPL

International Law Peace Committee members, and journalists—both heaven and earth have seen and acknowledged your dedicated efforts. We are one family, messengers of peace. Let us accomplish our purpose: world peace.

Let us urge heads of state and religious leaders around the world to fulfill their promises. Let us urge them to sign their support for the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War, consisting of 10 articles and 38 clauses, and let us sign our support as well. This is the way to love the world and all the people, like the light, rain, and air of the heavens. This is true politics and true religion; this is true love and peace.

To speed up the advancement towards an era of peace, I propose a code of conduct to the global community. First, heads of state around the world should become one for peace and support the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War. Second, all the religions of the world should transcend denominations and doctrines to become one for peace. Third, all women and youth of the world should join the IWPG and IPYG in promoting the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War and urging support for the Declaration. Fourth, peace education should be implemented throughout the world. At this time, let us promise once again to achieve peace in this generation by all means possible. Together, we can definitely achieve a world where all people live in peace and harmony!



Ms. Nam Hee Kim
IWPG Chairwoman



“The Declaration (of Peace and Cessation of War), delivered not only to the political leaders of many countries, but to the wide public as well, has increased the awareness of the need for urgent action to stop wars and build peace around the globe. We, gathered around HWPL, and like all others we must become peace messengers in our community, nation and then to the whole world.”

H.E. Ivo Josipović
Former President of Croatia



“With me myself as one of the 29 representatives among political leaders, I was there at the 2014 WARP Summit. We promised to enact the international law and religious leaders agreed on building religious harmony in front of heaven, all the people of the world and the peace advocate. Ever since then, on March 14th this year, the DPCW proclaimed and comparison study of the scriptures still actively going on to the harmony of religions. All of these efforts are to keep the promise that was made at the 2014 WARP Summit.”

Rt. Hon. Hrant Bagratyan
Former Prime Minister of Armenia

“We need to raise those hopes by spreading these messages to every corner of the globe, because, in the end, those of us who want peace outnumber by far those who think that peace may be just a linguistic expression...I hope that during this conference, the working groups will have a chance to explore and find ways to realize this, maybe small, but significant step towards a better future.”



H.E. Odeta Nishani
First Lady of Albania

“To achieve what we are expecting for, we need the extensive knowledge, experiences, commitment, and cooperation from all participants of all fields...to make their significant contributions on theme of this summit, and we take all those contributions to set as policy and plan to work for the sustainable peace, prosperity, and happiness of all people in this world.”



H.H. Samdech Preah Agga Mahā Sangharājādhīpati Tep Vong
The Great Supreme Patriarch of Cambodia

Transnational Discussion for World Peace

Advocacy Forum for the DPCW Marks the Beginning of the WARP Summit 2016

The WARP Summit 2016 began with the **Advocacy Forum for the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War** which brought together heads of state, heads of UN-affiliated agencies and organizations, and representatives of civic organizations to discuss effective strategies and practical plans of action for the following objectives:

- i) to raise awareness and interest in the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War among intergovernmental organizations, governments, and the public.
- ii) to urge each sector to support and contribute to the implementation of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War.

PART I. The Potentiality of the DPCW and the Possibility of its Implementation

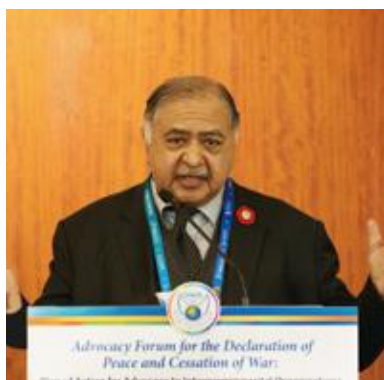
All family members of peace who have a strong will for peace must gather our hearts and communicate with each other for peace to be settled one day sooner, for it is what all humanity has been longing for. Just as a leader must lead his or her followers, they (family members of peace) are striving at the forefront to make a better world. If we do it, it's possible. If we don't do it, it won't happen.

Mr. Man Hee Lee
Chairman of HWPL



War only gives birth to another war, leaving fear and sacrifices to our future generations. We must achieve our purpose, the advocacy for this Declaration, to not repeat the atrocities of war for the next generation. When the public's awareness of this issue increases, the powerful strength of peace in the world will arise, transcending national interests. All heads of state, justices, and UN representatives must work at the forefront to advocate for the implementation of international law compatible with the DPCW.

Ms. Nam Hee Kim
Chairwoman of IWPG



Global efforts must be directed towards strengthening the legal framework for the Renunciation and Cessation of War and International Armed Conflicts by providing for prompt measures to defuse tensions and deal with confrontational situations. The development of such a legal framework cannot be achieved by a single nation or an individual. In order for it to be developed successfully, it needs to be backed by the international community. To this end, topics surrounding the development of such legal framework should be discussed by the United Nations (UN) and other international and/or national organizations, in order to raise awareness among the public about the importance of world peace and security, as well as the contents of such a legal framework.

Dr. Kamal Hossain
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh



While the main speakers spoke about the potentiality of the DPCW, the distinguished panels representing CSOs, NGOs, governments, youth and women's organizations discussed what measures and efforts can be made to develop the DPCW. Public sectors should often provide a platform for public hearing and inquiry in order to execute policies that would prevent armed conflicts. Private sectors should invest in social activities that promote peace and harmony among communities. CSOs and NGOs should be the voice of all people to advocate for the legal framework that can bring sustainable peace to the community.



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We also believe that in order for everyone to contribute to the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War, the community must provide the necessary means for educating the young people in practical skills, social and spiritual values. At the same time, to achieve this, young people must also be at the forefront of efforts to promote value towards attaining of peace and justice. We hope that this declaration will continue to develop as the most widely accepted and cited document to ensure international security and worldwide assistance of peace.

Ms. Ediola Pashollari

Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth (WAY)

The best way to work together to incite IGOs and governments to help us in the development of the DPCW is to organize an international forum gathering your organization, NGOs and IGOs from all around the world and state representatives to establish a strategy and promotion methods of the Declaration and the ways to make it enforceable. This international forum will have to be held in a city where there are United Nations' institutions like Vienna or Geneva. Our organization and even the NGOs' group in Tunisia are at your disposal to advocate in favor of the adoption of the Declaration as an international binding document.



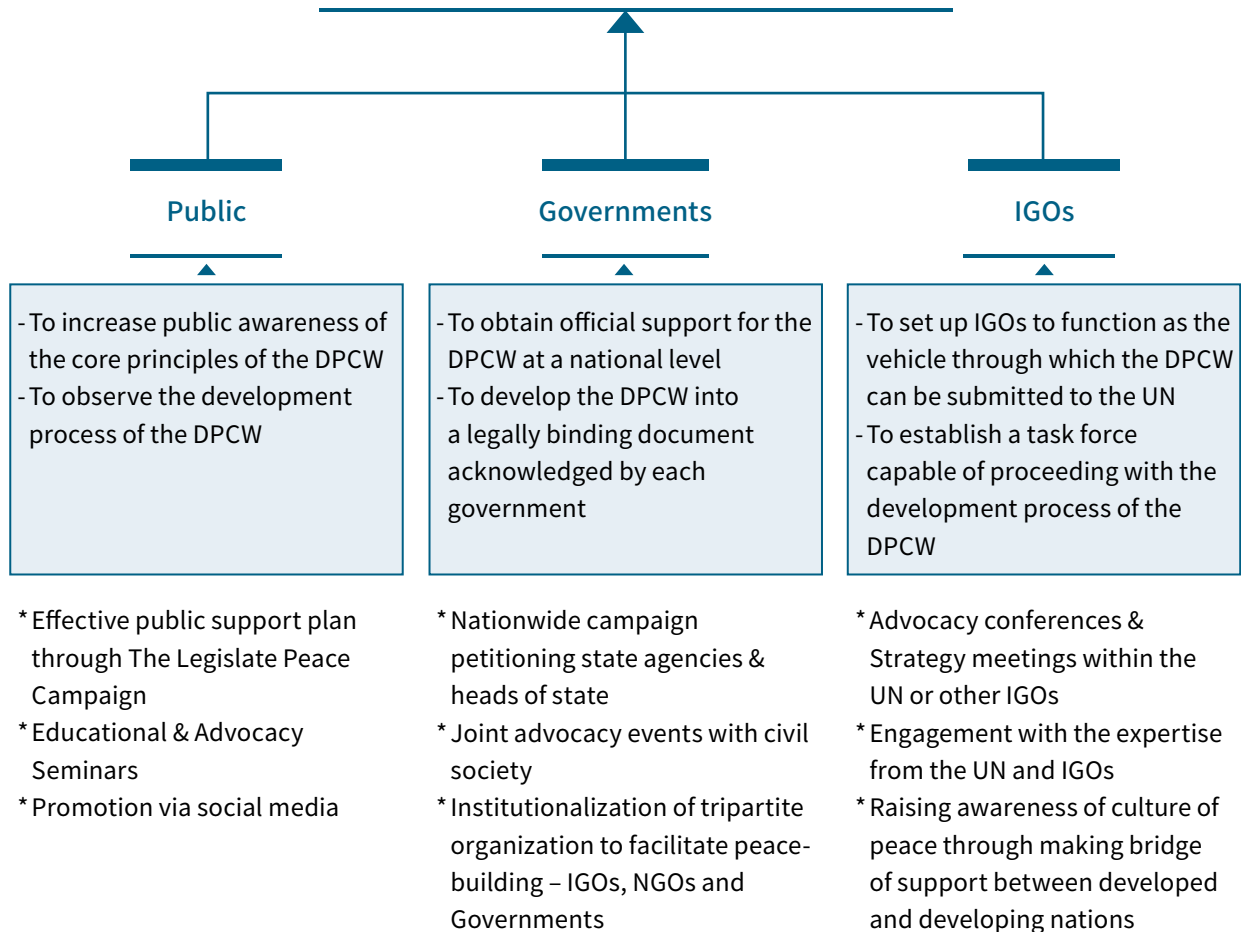
Mr. Abdessatar Ben Moussa

President of Tunisian League of Human Rights

PART II. Discussion on the Strategies and Plan of Action of Each Sector in Advocating for the Implementation of the DPCW



Developing the DPCW into an international legally binding document





Mr. Mihail Guzun, Chairman of the Social Commission and Codru City Council, actively engaged in “the Legislate Peace Campaign”, receiving signatures from the public in support of the DPCW. To further promote the peace campaign in Moldova after having 1,800 signatures, he proposed designation of HWPL Peace Park in the city of Codru, establishment of international law conference for high government officials, national peace walk festival and official registration of HWPL Moldova Branch Office under the Government.

“ NGOs are well equipped to educate and advocate for the principles of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) and its adoption by member states through creating alternative venues for states themselves to engage in collective action and for individuals to join with other like-minded individuals in pursuit of their goals.

Ms. Paula Boland

Executive Director of United Nations Association



I propose a Triple C to the Peace Plan: Coalition, Campaign, & Continuity. This plan aims to activate and augment the committee’s suggested methods of advocacies. I see our organizations: IWPG, HWPL, and NFWC heading a coalition in the Philippines to realize the goals relevant to the DPCW. I would like to call this Coalition the P4GP Coalition—Philippines for Global Peace Coalition.

Ms. Estrelita C. Ruiz

Adviser of National Federation of Women’s Clubs (NFWC)



I want to call on intergovernmental organizations, governments, and other actor, to take urgent measures to support young people as actors in preventing and transforming conflict, countering violent extremism and building peace by developing the DPCW in the future as an enforceable international law through an alliance of the UN, International Organizations and governments.

Mr. Ratanak OU

Member of the UN Secretary,
Generals Campaign to End Violence Against Women (UNiTE)



The Advocacy Forum for the DPCW at the WARP Summit 2016 has its significance as it offered a detailed discussion on plans of peace making through international law based on the DPCW. The next step will be how the participants of this summit, acting as messengers of peace work together for the development of peace for our future.

Religious Leaders Unite Under Peace and Truth

At the World Alliance of Religions' Peace (WARP) Summit in 2014, religious leaders signed the World Alliance of Religions' Agreement and pledged before the Creator and people of all nations to bring all religions together into one. Afterwards, the HWPL WARP Office was established to discuss fundamental aspects of religion and solutions to peace based on inter-religious understandings on a wide variety of topics. During this year's Summit, over 200 leaders representing 16 religions, gathered to discuss the necessity of seeking a trustworthy scripture and to reaffirm their solidarity to be active proponents of achieving peace as religious leaders.

PART I. Religious Leaders Meeting for Solidarity in Truth

During the first part of the conference, participants saw the progress of scripture dialogues through the WARP Office meetings and were reminded of the role that religious leaders play. People are urging for harmony among religions and emphasizing the role of the leaders in bringing an end to wars and achieving peace in our generation. Scripture dialogues at HWPL interfaith peace meetings are taking place all around the world to truly bring the alliance of religions into reality.



Deadly wars occur due to men's greed, meaning they die due to their greed. For this reason, international law that prevents wars must be implemented and we have to advocate for it. In order for the alliance of religions to occur, the work of seeking a trustworthy scripture must be proceeded for the true and lasting interfaith peace.

Mr. Man Hee Lee
Chairman of HWPL



World peace starts from the alliance of religions. All of you who deliver the teachings of heaven are the light of this generation. All of humanity lives according to the light. Let us act upon peace. The answer of peace that HWPL Chairman Man Hee Lee gives is the truth. The truth applies to everyone, regardless of generation. The scripture dialogues that we continue to proceed with will definitely stop wars. Let us make a peaceful world to live in with our future generations.

Ms. Nam Hee Kim
Chairwoman of IWPG



“In El Salvador, we have promoted the Office of Alliance of Religions for peace, where we have developed different forums, where different religious leaders have expressed that their churches mean peace. We don't just merely continue the dialogue but amplify the Office of Alliance of Religions for peace to other communities in order to continue promoting, carrying out experiences of dialogue and inviting other sectors of the national community for the day of promise of fulfilling the peace agreement.

The Most Rev. Martin de Jesús Barahona Pascacio
Archbishop Emeritus of the El Salvador Anglican Church

How can religious leaders make a contribution to stop war? Number one is teaching compassion by setting examples. Religious leaders should come together and find a common solution. They should first solve minute conflicts among the local families. They should start from there. After that they can make peace in the village and then in the state and finally in the world.

The Most Ven. Dr. Itthapana Dhammalankara Thero
Mahanayaka of the Kotte Sri Kalyani Samagridharma Maha Sanga Sabha



In each meeting we discussed a different topic to help leaders compare the scriptures and to bring peace through having religions come together. Through the World Alliance of Religions' Peace Offices, I was able to see how prophecy and fulfillment is an essential element in the scripture. It is said that God uses prophecy and fulfillment to make certain that people can see and believe in his works at the time the prophecies are fulfilled, in a concrete way.

High Priest Nikhil Chandra Narayanbhai Trivedi
The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Brooklyn

With humanitarian spirit, a world of peace would come into reality. When there is a conflict, deliberation should be put forward. Everything must be settled by way of dialogue and negotiation, not with guns, pistols, swords and batons.

Prof. Said Aqil Siroj
General Chairman of Central Board of Nahdlatul Ulama



PART II. Dialogue of Scriptures

167 religious leaders who had previously participated in HWPL's WARP Office meetings in their respective countries held panel discussions. Religious leaders representing various faiths such as Coptic Orthodox, Anglican Church, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Sikhism participated as panels. Each panel discussed in regards to the following three questions on what constitutes a trustworthy scripture.



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1 Father Abraam Emil Nagy

Priest of St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria, Egypt

2 Ambassador, Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa

Ambassador of Sikh Religion of the Western Hemisphere, USA

3 The Rt Rev. Peter Gatbel Kunen Lual

Bishop of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan - The Greater Upper Nile Nasir Anglican Diocese, Australia

4 Mr. Deva Kaji Shakya

President of the Nepal Chapter of BLIA, Nepal

5 Rev. Acharya Prem Shankaranand Tirth

High Hindu Priest of Shree Geeta Ashram of Delhi, India

6 Prof. Dr. Dawud Olatokunbo Shittu Noibi

Executive Secretary for the Muslim Ummah of South-West of Nigeria, Nigeria

Q1. Why is it important to search for a trustworthy Scripture and its qualities?

Father Abraam Emil Nagy

Priest of St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria, Egypt

As you know, all scriptures, for those who believe in them, are considered as rules that organize the relationship between God the creator and human beings, so all those books are specifying and tracing the eternal fate of human beings, both evil and good ones, as well as specifying the nature of God, and all deeds human beings should do to live in peace and happiness. So, it is necessary to search properly in the integrity of the scriptures.

Mr. Deva Kaji Shakya

President of the Nepal Chapter of BLIA, Nepal

We need to have knowledge and clear understanding of the main principles or tenets underlying the religious faiths. The scriptures should be able to define and explain them clearly, so that the followers will not be confused and they will not deviate from what the great teachers or pioneers have taught.

Q2. What is a requirement that defines a trustworthy Scripture?

The Rt Rev. Peter Gatbel Kunen Lual

Bishop of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan - The Greater Upper Nile Nasir Anglican Diocese, Australia

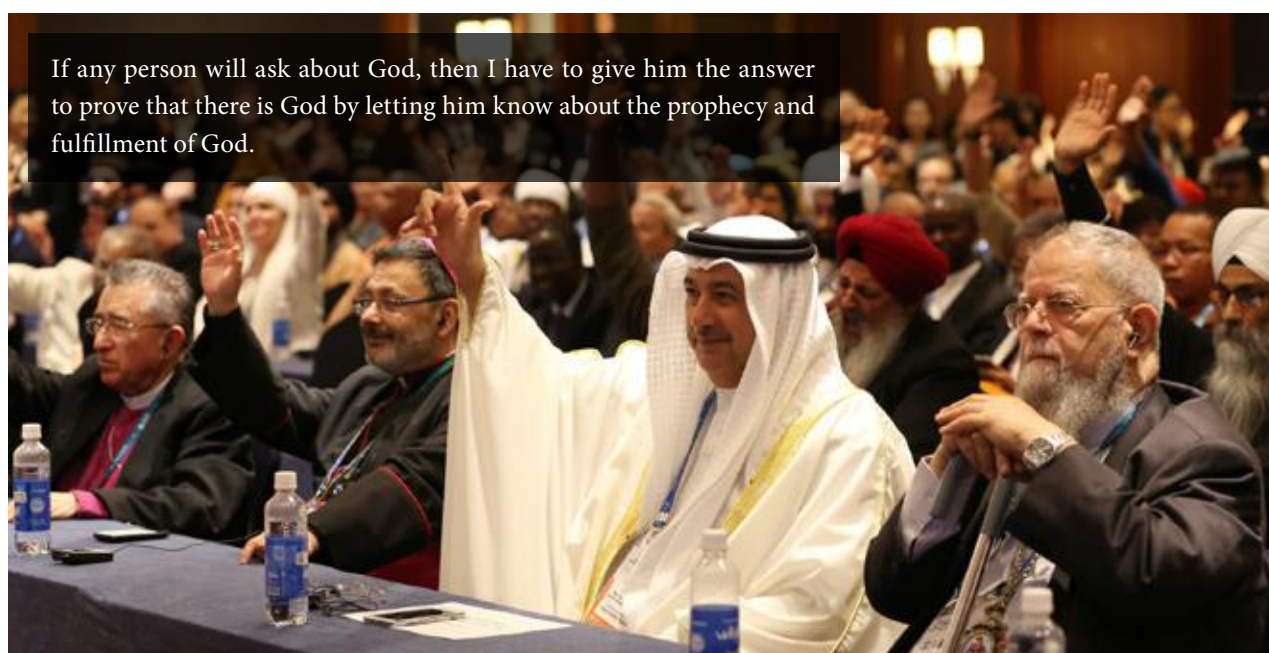
God is trustworthy and His people are called to be trustworthy because He wanted them to tell truth and defend the faith and truth. One element that defines a trustworthy Scripture is prophecy and fulfillment. The prophecy and fulfillment becomes the evidence that the Scripture is trustworthy, as what God has stated will happen does become a reality.

Ambassador, Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsa

Ambassador of Sikh Religion of the Western Hemisphere, USA

It must contain the Word of God; it should impart truth and truthful living; it should enshrine good for all mankind and the message of universal peace, brotherhood and to accept diversity, etc... and to show a path to connect with God and meditate on God and show a straight path to attain salvation regardless of one's background or religion.

Q3. Is prophecy and fulfillment needed within a trustworthy scripture?



The Role of Religious people



1. Seeking trustworthy religious scripture



2. Recognition of the role of religious people



3. Harmony among religions



4. Accomplishment of the era of peace in the global community

World executives, Ministers, Education Specialists Discuss the DPCW in One Place

The 4th HWPL International Law Peace Committee Meeting

For the purpose of introducing the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) to the United Nations, the 4th HWPL International Law Peace Committee Meeting was held simultaneously. Built on mutual respect and cooperation for the international coexistence in a community of peace, the meeting gathered the world's leaders, who were separated into three groups based on their respective areas of expertise.

The HWPL International Law Peace Committee Meeting was carried out by conferences which included heads of states and chief justices in the executive group, ministers of foreign affairs and law specialists in the ministerial group, and ministers of education in the group for education specialists.



Group I

High Level Meeting for the Development and Adoption of the DPCW

GROUP - Former & Current heads of state, Chief Justices, Speakers of the National Assembly
- HWPL Int'l Law Peace Committee Members, UN Experts, Specialist on Religious Conflicts

AGENDA Generating support at the national executive level for the DPCW and committing to introduction to UN



Group II

High Level Meeting for the Development and Adoption of the DPCW

GROUP - Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Justice and Defense
- HWPL Int'l Law Peace Committee Members, UN Experts

AGENDA Generating support at the national executive level for the DPCW and committing to introduction to UN



Group III

High Level Meeting for the Spreading a Culture of Peace in the DPCW

GROUP - Ministers of Education, Human Rights
- HWPL Int'l Law Peace Committee Members, UN Experts
- Principles of Law School, Professors

AGENDA Spreading a culture of peace and peace education

All HWPL International Law Peace Committee Meetings began with an explanation by committee members regarding the core principles of the DPCW, as well as a presentation of the possibility of developing the Declaration. At the Panel Discussion, specifically, the necessity of multi-level cooperation by international leaders, nations, and civil society for the introduction of the DPCW to the UN was emphasized.



“ The DPCW is unique, as it aims for a cessation of all wars. By the means of prohibiting weapons and transforming them into daily tools, war and warlike activities cannot be initiated. Therefore, sustainable peace can be achieved by implementing this declaration. Also, it combines fundamental rights both aiming for peace and peaceful dispute-settlement between states as well as peace within states by promoting freedom and peaceful co-existence of religions and beliefs. It therefore protects human rights as well as the core rights of states.

Prof. Dr. Nazrul Islam

Professor of International Law of Dhaka University, Bangladesh



Whereas some States have municipal or domestic laws and mechanisms for managing or settling religious disputes, international law could ensure multi-lateral efforts towards forging a consensus on universally acceptable principles, strategies and parameters for settling religiously motivated conflicts. The DPCW is therefore, an invaluable tool that could be leveraged in achieving this universal consensus.

Dr. Terwase Isaac Sampson

Senior Research Fellow of the National Defence College, Nigeria

The Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War shall be proposed by a State or an international organization to the ILC. It addresses mainly the inter-States relationship (Articles 1-7) and general principles of public international law, while human rights issues are referred to in the Preamble and Articles 8-9 (freedom of religion). The DPCW was drafted like a declaration or a program of action to encourage States to advance peace as absence of war in their relations.

Prof. Carlos Villán Durán

President, The Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law



Press Conference for the 2nd Annual Commemoration of the WARP Summit

Q. What are the main challenges you have while working to bring peace?

Mr. Sami Mohieldin M Elhag
Director of Al Jazeera



The reason that we are carrying out the work of peace is to achieve peace and end all wars. Through journalism and broadcasting, all representatives of organizations and states have chances to be informed about the contents of all 10 articles and 38 clauses of the DPCW. Now, we need to have their signatures in support of the Declaration. When we bring these collected signatures to the United Nations, the UN will then acknowledge and start reviewing this work. In case of delay or any hindrance of support from heads of state, it will be considered as opposition to the nation, citizens, and peace, which will remain uncomfortable records in history. The role of media is to bring peace messages to people who can urge their leaders to reflect and act according to what people want for peace. Considering this, a special portion of contribution to peace will be the people in media.

Q. How do you think that this declaration even if it is adopted and ratified by the UN can bring peace because we already have similar declarations in place?

Mr. Fazul Rahim
Producer/Bureau Chief of NBC News



What sets the DPCW presented by Chairman Lee apart from the existing international law is that the Declaration sets in stone articles aimed at preventing outbreak of religious conflicts in advance. Up until today, these articles have been most commonly excluded by lawmakers. In the midst of ongoing religious conflicts, cessation of war in the entire global village will not be realized without proper articles aimed at straightening religion with proper functions and preventing all armed conflicts. Yes, there are many existing declarations. Why do you suppose the Declaration mentioned by Chairman Lee needs to be absolutely implemented? It is the practical solution to making rule of law based on legally binding mechanism that can fulfill cessation of war.

Q. Since the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) was proclaimed in March this year, what kind of initiatives have been undertaken around the world in order to achieve implementation of the DPCW?

Mr. Kishor Kumar Karki

Managing Director/Editor of Blast Times



Since publicly being announced this year, the DPCW has basically formed the backbone of all the work that we do. We've started the Legislate Peace Campaign which is taking this Declaration and getting into the introduction and discussion in the UN. We have gone as far as, with Chairman Lee's vision, getting this declaration on paper, getting it authorized and legalized. We are working together with political leaders, with religious leaders, with UN Ambassadors at the stage, and youths can play a crucial role in bringing out change in contribution to achievement of peace. We have the energy, drive, and manpower, but we lack the experience. Working with these groups, their expertise and experiences to create more peaceful and sustainable world for future are of tremendous importance.

Q. What does today mean to you?

Mr. Nazeeb Sulayman Ibraheem

Program manager of FRCN Radio Nigeria



The title of this year's peace festival is 2nd Annual Commemoration of WARP Summit. Commemoration means celebration of something in the past in order to congratulate one another and remember forever but this peace festival is no ordinary commemoration. It is a meaningful day because every necessary mechanism and people to widespread this peace news and achieve the world of peace have gathered in this occasion. I'd like to highlight three key backbones of this year's commemoration. First, as a result of many endeavors, Chairman Man Hee Lee is providing a platform to understand all contents of the DPCW and urge for the implementation of international law for peace. Second, all religious leaders participating in this summit are preparing sessions to detail out their tasks and action plans because believers in this religious world no longer carry out the proper duty but instead incite armed conflicts, providing 80% causes of war. And lastly, experts in every field are all eager to join the forums to produce and promote action plans for every article of the DPCW.

Media Forum for Advocacy of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War



As the eyes and ears of all people, the international press, in cooperation with HWPL, have delivered peace news and the activities of HWPL to every part of the world since the WARP Summit in 2014. The possibility of realizing peace brought up through the media has formed the public's positive opinions and thoughts on peace and has become the foundation of changing the world.

“With the dynamic changing media environment, HWPL's direction of public relations is to use diverse tools such as media coverage, the official website, and social media platforms to provide information accurately and quickly to the global community.”

Mr. Tim Kim, Director of HWPL PR Office, presented on the “Action Plan for Promoting HWPL's Peace Movement and the Importance of Media,” emphasizing that HWPL Publicity Ambassadors in the field of media play a significant role in developing the environment for peace-building through various media coverage and producing contents of peace.



Mr. John Paul Seniel, Senior Desk Editor of GMA News Davao, Philippines gave a strong message to the journalists from various media stations to understand how crucial their duty is: “We have gathered here today, in partnership with HWPL, to advocate the DPCW and achieve lasting peace. We need to have foresight to see the upcoming peaceful world, beyond the current reality. As the saying goes, ‘The pen is mightier than the sword.’ HWPL has the solution for peace and many people from all around the world are joining together in support of this work, but now it is our duty to spread the message of these efforts.”

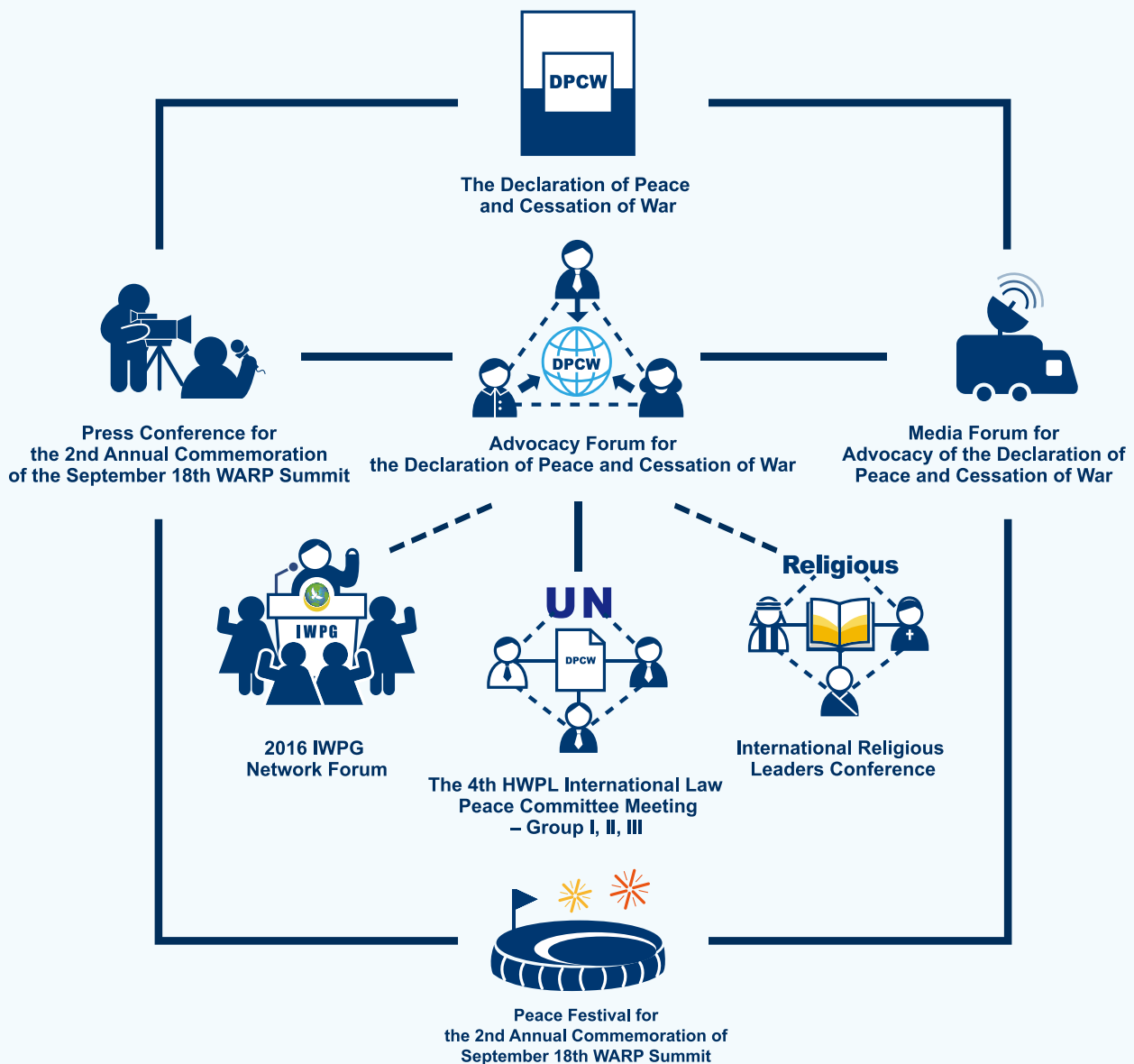


Conference for the Implementation of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War

Presenting Plan of Action and Resolution of IGOs, Governments, Public

While being attended by nearly 1,000 participants, including heads of state, decision-makers, IGOs, NGOs, and faith-based organizations, the presentation of the precise plan of action for all sectors drew a practical approach to this year's Summit's goal: Advocacy of the global legislation of peace inspired by the DPCW.

The tangible results gained from the various sessions held on the 17th were thoroughly discussed and people were reminded of their astonishing experiences of the spirit of peace spread at the Peace Festival at Seoul Stadium the day before.





"For the sake of the cessation of war and world peace, many are putting forth their efforts, which must be realized. Are we supposed to leave the global village being drowned and destroyed as it is now? Aren't we supposed to leave a world that the heavens and all people yearn for to future generations, the world free from war? We have to gather our hearts and strengths to make this planet a better place. Someone has to take an initial step, despite the risks, to bring tangible results. I believe there will be no one who says 'no,' to peace. Why is there a saying 'to achieve peace'? It is because peace is still to be achieved in this world.

The Declaration that we drafted is a new legal framework that can bring about the cessation of war and world peace. Prime ministers and chief justices together with the National Assembly of each nation must acknowledge the value and principles of the DPCW and propel and support the development process of the DPCW. If we do it, it is possible. If we don't do it, it won't happen.

In order to renew this world, I believe there must be a transformation in religious societies, social norms, and policies. Rather than passing down authority and wealth, we have a responsibility to leave the legacy of a peaceful world to our future generations. Due to misunderstandings and misconceptions widespread among religions, non-religious communities, and even the whole world, are affected. For peace, religions need to unite as one before heavens and all people.

All of us who are moving forward to the creation of the new era of peace have to work together to complete our common goal of peace. This will be eternally recorded in history as the work of light to the world."

"Wars must come to an end in our time. Wars deprive youth of their lives and make blind areas of oppression of human rights. There is no remedial mechanism to protect life in the face of death from war, which clearly shows the limit in global support. Justification from politics, religion and economics has resulted in tacit silence on violence. It is a tragic reality.

Now we have some work to do. We ask the chiefs of state, judges and the United Nations to work together for advocacy of the international law for cessation of war. Also, we ask ministers of states to give the message of peace and work with governments to advocate and implement the international law. People from all walks of life are working for peace; organizations and schools are providing peace education, and women and youth are taking the lead in protecting themselves.

When the public voice in advocacy of the adoption of the international law becomes greater, the power of



peace transcending national interest will also be greater. For the adoption of the international law for peace, let us unite our minds and speak out. Your actions today will be an exemplary model of respect for future generations and become the everlasting light recorded in heaven."

At the Conference, particularly, six main speakers provided their addresses to represent each field of all participants and present how each sector will actively advocate and get involved in the development process of the DPCW in their respective countries and cooperate for its vision accordingly. Prof. Carlos Villan Duran, President of the Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law (SSIHRL) spoke about the role of civil society on the implementation process of the DPCW.

“Civil society has to participate with governments in the codification and progressive development of international law. Indeed, CSO represent the conscience of Humankind and their voices are essential to ensure progress in the action taken by States within the United Nations. The DPCW provides positive elements to foster the dialogue and reconciliation among religions. Religious leaders should continue their work against the fundamentalism and the political instrumentalization of some religions. Women, youth, and political leaders from around the world are invited to join their voices to achieve peace and cessation of war as a binding rule of all States.”

In consultation with associated NGOs and public institutions, SSIHRL has tried to translate peace from the universal ethnic value to the legal category of human right since its foundation in 2004. Following the processes and outcomes undertaken by SSIHRL will provide practical legal advice for the DPCW.





The former Vice President of Afghanistan, H.E. Karim Khali-li said, "The misconceptions and extreme and fanatic presumptions of religion and faith have caused the formation of hostility, hate and terrorism. Therefore, religious leaders as real and honest defenders of religion and scholars, intelligentsia as intellectual supporters of human civilization, are responsible for rescuing the religion and civilization from the hand of reactionary extremists. Taking

this opportunity, I announce my and the Afghanistan High Peace Council's support, and strongly expect leaders and heads of states to extend their strong and comprehensive support to this declaration to be included in the agenda of the United Nations Organization and the contents of this declaration to be considered in the legislation and institution building processes, being reflected in the lives of world people in a practical way."



Juan Pablo Celis Garcia, Youth Activist from Columbia, said "International, national and local communities must find ways to effectively channel, strengthen, support, and expand young people's desire to contribute to constructive change and to offer meaningful service to the global society. I encourage you to participate, join the discussion and be part of the decision-making process. Contact your Governments, advocate for peace in your communities, and participate in the work of international organizations."

The Conference gave great attention to the messages of the speakers, which called for enhanced cooperation with HWPL in promoting the involvement of all IGOs and NGOs and international communities to establish a legally binding document inspired by the DPCW.

The contribution of these sectors demonstrated that in the near future States will view the methodologies to bring forth democracy, human rights, equality and peace embedded in the Declaration and will make increasing efforts to reflect the contributions and perspectives of all supporting bodies in the actual process of implementation.



2016 IWPG Network Forum

World Female Leaders Urge for the Implementation of International Law for Peace and Cessation of War for the Unification of the Korean Peninsula and for World Peace

The 2016 IWPG Network Forum was held under the theme of The Role of 3.6 Billion Women in Realizing Peace and Cessation of War. The forum was joined by approximately 1,000 female leaders from home and abroad including Teiraeng Maamau, First Lady of Kiribati; Awut Deng Acuil, the Minister of Gender, Child and Social Welfare of the Republic of South Sudan; and Anna Cervenakova, a human rights attorney from the Czech Republic.

Currently, there is a growing sense of urgency in the international community for solutions to the acts of terror in numbers of locations around the globe and a series of missile testing carried out by North Korea. Amidst the global situation, the Forum convened female leaders from various countries who urged for the implementation of international law for peace and cessation of war and for the reunification of the Korean Peninsula.

In her remarks on the Forum, IWPG Chairwoman Nam Hee Kim emphasized that the DPCW contains the

framework of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the goal of achievement of human development and said, “the UN and international society should expand the role of women in security, cessation of war and peace.” She also stated that the most prominent method of women development is to advocate the DPCW for the adoption of the declaration into the international law for the cessation of war and peace.”

At the end of the Forum, 109 new members from 16 countries were appointed to the IWPG Peace Committee. The Committee is set to promote IWPG peace works in respective countries and campaign with women in their respective communities.



Presentations:

The Role of Female Leaders in Achieving Peace and the Cessation of War

All of the women here must become the key to peace that opens the hearts of 3.6 billions of women. The responsibility of women is to protect our globe and our children and, most importantly, leave the legacy of peace for them.

Man Hee Lee
Chairman of HWPL



“ We want to close the history of wars and open the history of peace in all world. This is what [the DPCW] aims for, realizing peace and cessation of wars in the world, hence we should support.

Edita Tahiri
Minister for Dialogue of the Government of Kosovo



The reunification of Korea, the only divided nation in the world, is the key challenge to world peace. When the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War is adopted by the UN and made an international legal instrument, mankind will be closer to realizing the dream of ending wars and achieving global peace.

Lee Yunsook
Former Minister of Women's Affairs of Korea



We have to remember the great goals that people around the world are pursuing, such as: justice, respect for each other, state sovereignty, ... education, religious freedom. These principles and goals are enshrined in the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War. These are the provisions we need to introduce...[to] every country.

Leokadiia Gerasymenko
President of Women's Union of Ukraine



Filled with the Flurry of Anticipation at the Incheon Airport

The Most Rev. Martin de Jesus Barahona Pascacio,
Archbishop Emeritus of the El Salvador Anglican Church

- 25 Hours of Flight across the Pacific Ocean



Q. What expectation do you hold for this year's WARP Summit?

A. My expectation of this summit is that we can come in agreement with all the religious leaders regarding the importance of living in peace and sharing religions with one another and achieving to define a law so that in the future, the countries don't have to decide their differences by the war but instead by a method more humanitarian in the understanding.

10-year old Maiya Lily Cole

- The Youngest Participant from Australia



The youngest participant for this year's WARP Summit, Maiya Lily Cole traveled far distance from Australia accompanied by her grandfather Mr. Pandit Prem Misra and her mother Mrs. Cole. Her father brought his family to Korea because he wanted her family to experience how peace can be realized gradually.

When asked about the expectations for the Summit, he said he doesn't "believe in an expectation, but the acceptance." He was confident that outcome of this Summit "will be good for the community, for the nation, and for the world."

Dr. John Kirk Boyd

Executive Director for United for Rights

- Member of HWPL International Law Peace Committee

Coming straight from United Nations at Geneva, Switzerland, Dr. John Kirk Boyd didn't mind 10 hours of flight because he "loves Korea and likes working with UN and HWPL."

Q. Please explain the DPCW briefly as a HWPL International Law Peace Committee member.

A. I think our Declaration is very important legal instrument that's what I enjoy doing the most. It's a rule of law. It's evocative transition from warring nations to peaceful coexistence based on the law, instead of war.



Dr. Syed Sajidul Islam

Principal of Arambagh Girls College (AGC)

- Collected 20,230 Signatures in Support of the DPCW

Q. What personally drove you to collect these signatures of support?

A. I collected only to establish peace and cessation of war, and declaration of peace.

Q. When you go back to your home country, do you have any plans to spread the Declaration and your experiences at the Summit?

A. I'll be enlightened from this Summit, and I will bring it to my institution. I will explain to all our students what I have already experienced here.



Ms. Almas Jiwani

President of UN Women National Committee Canada

- Strong Proponent of Representing Voice of Women

Q. What can you do for enactment of international law?

A. It's the matter of introducing to IWPG and HWPL to see how important role they are playing in bringing world peace. And the most recent initiative is for cessation of war. And with their help, with their powerful endeavors around the world, with powerful messages we all can be together. I think we will enact peace very soon.



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In order to renew this world, I believe there must be a transformation in religious societies, social norms, and policies. Rather than passing down authority and wealth, we have a responsibility to leave the legacy of a peaceful world to our future generations. All of us who are moving forward to the creation of the new era of peace have to work together to complete our common goal of peace. This will be eternally recorded in history as the work of light to the world.

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