



Sustainable Peace Through Reconciliation

Petition Imploring the United Nations' (UN) General Assembly to
declare 2011-2020

As

Global Reconciliation Decade

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I. The Vision

In 2006 the General Assembly of the United Nations (UN) proclaimed the Year **2009 as International Year of Reconciliation** (A/Res/61/22).

The vision behind it is to foster a humanistic world community where **peace, order and justice govern**.

To deal with the injuries of the past dialogue and reconciliation are needed. People of all cultures throughout history have successfully used this method and have shown that every success in the reconciliation processes opened up the way to new hopeful beginning.

The International Reconciliation Year 2009 is a valuable first step. It is however necessary to prolong it, for the processes of building sustainable peace and understanding need time to unfold.

II. Purpose

Meaningful conversations require the readiness and willingness of conflicting parties involved to resolve their differences. Only by their preparedness to dialogue enables a **peaceful community** to translate the axiom: "Unity in Diversity" into a living reality. Stable governmental structures and assured Human Rights are other prerequisites. They open a space where people can communicate and listen to each other, convince each other to assume civil responsibility. Reconciliation practices can be found in various tradition-rich religions and cultures. Worldwide, Truth- and Reconciliation Commissions can be organized.

A Global Reconciliation Decade will enhance magnanimous awareness geared towards sustainable peace and humanistic civil society.

III. Topics

- Education, Social and Cultural Affairs, Values and Ethics
- Financial and Economic fields
- Disarmament, Human Rights and humanitarian principles of law, e.g. amendment of the Geneva Conventions to include Reconciliation in solving conflicts
- Healthcare (Human beings and animals), Environmental- and Climate fields, fair sharing of resources
- Foster respect and development of indigenous cultures and practices
- Athletics as conflict prevention or as reconciliation medium.

IV. Procedure

All Sovereign Member States through their Permanent Representatives in the United Nations are requested to submit a PETITION for a Reconciliation Decade or support submitted ones.

V. Petitioner

The **Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research, S.E.R.**, proposed an action plan for the International Reconciliation Year 2009, where projects are collected and installed at: **HYPERLINK [http:// www.global-balance.org](http://www.global-balance.org)**