

THE MUSLIM WORLD LEAGUE AND THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE HAVE INAUGURATED A “MODEL” FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Muslim World League and the United Nations University for Peace launch a scholarly work to “promote peace, human rights and civilized dialogue.”



The achievement was the effort of 32 prominent religious, international, political, intellectual and media figures from around the world

The Muslim World League and the United Nations University for Peace cooperated to launch a book from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to “Promote Peace, Human Rights and Dialogue among Civilizations”. This event comes as part of the United Nations celebration of the 100th anniversary of boosting the principle of multilateralism, and to mark the 75th anniversary of its inception.

This cooperating research denotes an exceptional achievement at the international level, and a model in achieving cooperation and unifying global visions on highly importance issues of multiple aspects. The two sides were able to combine the efforts of institutions, governments and universities of various backgrounds, cultures and religions around the world.

32 prominent figures of religious, international, political, intellectual and media leanings from around the world took part in this colossal work. Their ideas enriched the research with knowledge and good practices within a cultural diversity displayed in its various manifestations.

His Excellency the Secretary General of the Muslim World League expressed his delight at the start of this important partnership with the United Nations, which also brought together distinguished international bodies eager to contribute to the peace and harmony of our world and face all the difficulties and challenges head on, to reach the common goals that everyone is seeking. He indicated that when effective dialogue expands and grows, the sphere of fears towards the other shrinks. Then, everyone grows closer to each other, in a more cooperative, and in an even more loving and respectful way.

His Excellency added, "I have always said and still do; that 10% of our human commonalities will bring peace and harmony to our world," stressing that "religious leaders, public and private institutions, including international foundations, bear a responsibility towards effective involvement in order to achieve our common aspirations."

His Excellency went on to say: "It is imperative to accomplish a civilized alliance that represents the true meaning of understanding, tolerance and cooperation among all. Additionally, we must enhance awareness towards faith in the design of difference, diversity and pluralism that pleases the Almighty and Exalted Creator."

"History has taught us lessons and sounded warnings that prove, no victor will be declared in confrontations through clashes and civilized conflicts. This is to say, ideas can only be communicated and conveyed by means of wisdom and mutual respect." Dr. Al- Issa explained.

His Excellency stressed; the Muslim World League carries a message of peace placing it to the daunting task of easing tensions raised by some debates. The Rabita was able to achieve this by concentrating its attention on spreading awareness about how vital is to understand the natural difference between religions, ideas and "cultures in general."

And also, to brace human fraternity and cultured partnerships, which will increase the level of cooperation to serve mankind and confront the threats facing human societies. And also, to raise awareness to the importance of legitimate freedoms, and be mindful that these very freedoms should not be used as links for hatred and a civilizational and cultural clash, He praised the global efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in confronting all methods of clash and civil strife.

In his speech, His Excellency the League's Secretary General discussed the Makkah Charter, which has been ratified by more than 1,200 muftis and scholars and more than 4,500 Muslim intellectuals hailing from 139 countries representing 27 sects and religious denominations. Their historical meeting constituted an extraordinary and important turning point in the consensus of scholars and thinkers of the Muslim Ummah "with all their sects and denominations without exception." Emphasizing that the provisions of this document are capable of making world peace at the initiative of scholars and thinkers of the Muslim world.

For his part, His Excellency the Archbishop, Mr. Ivan Jurkovic, Apostolic Leader and Permanent Observer of the Holy See at the United Nations Office in Geneva and other international organizations, affirmed that brotherhood has become more necessary than ever before, in our current time. He explained that the inevitable result of forsaking the kindness of confrontation will resort to the brutality of conflict.

His Excellency Mr. Elaraby Jakta, Chair of the International Civil Service Commission and Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, said international civil servants have special callings, to serve the ideals and values of peace, the respect for basic rights, social and economic progress and international cooperation.

He added; UNESCO is the top agency in the United Nations system to promote interfaith and intercultural dialogue within the framework of the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures, expressing his hope that the culture of peace and tolerance will motivate their daily work within the United Nations system.

As for part, His Excellency Patrick Simonnet, Ambassador of the European Union Mission to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf said: “The members of the European Union believe that the world needs to be governed by approved rules and standards such as those applied by the United Nations. He also said; at the present time, global challenges require a multilateral approach more than ever before”.

His Excellency Spain’s Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mr. Alvaro Eranzo Gutierrez, confirmed that Spain has also tried to play a role in international efforts aimed at providing an outline for dialogue among societies and religions.

He highlighted the wonderful research work coordinated by the United Nations University for Peace and the Muslim World League deserves full support and dedication since it “provides the necessary comprehensive intellectual rejection of all negatives in order to rise above past perceptions that rear their ugly heads only at times of division.”

His Excellency Mr. David Fernandez Bojana, Ambassador and Permanent Observer at the United Nations University for Peace in Geneva, UNESCO and Paris, expressed his pleasure at the research participants’ brilliance, including scientists and political and diplomatic figures of scientific standing and important global experiences.

His Excellency Francesco Chacon, the Ambassador of Costa Rica to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, expressed his warmest praise and congratulations to the Muslim World League and the University for Peace for this inspiring work that paves the way, saying, this work “strengthened the culture of peace, which is the cornerstone of Costa Rica’s foreign policy.”

Her Excellency Lubna Qassim, Deputy Head of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations in Geneva and other international organizations, said, “It is an honor and pride for me to have contributed to such an unparalleled initiative on peace and human rights.”

She mentioned the United Arab Emirates’ model of tolerance and integration, saying that the time we live at the moment is a critical time in human history. Thus, we must embrace our differences, expressing her hope this research will contribute to inspire engagement in interfaith and intercultural dialogue for the sake of achieving peace and prosperity for all.

