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PRESS RELEASE

Geneva, Host City of the International Day for Living Together in Peace

“Placing Peace at the Heart of Education”

After Paris (2018), Cordoba (2019), Almere (2022) and Turin (2023), the International Day for Living Together in Peace (IDLTP/JIVEP) will take up residence in Geneva to spread its message of peace and hope, with the citizen-based participation of more than 20 countries.

Each and every one of us has a role to play in the reconstruction of a united and peaceful human family. It is in this perspective that AISA International NGO is launching, on the occasion of the 7th edition of the IDLTP, a worldwide call to action, hoping to make Education for a Culture of Peace the cornerstone of this transformation.

At a time when our world is facing major upheaval with intensifying conflict and violence, the pedagogy of the Culture of Peace can be seen as an alternative solution to awaken consciences and encourage “noble action”. This innovative educational approach is characterized by its transversal nature, transmitting the values of Peace in the teaching of all disciplines and in the very process of learning.

Thanks to the support provided by the city of Geneva, numerous meetings and events will be organized throughout the month of May in order to introduce and promote Education for a Culture of Peace in public school programs.

- ***At UN headquarters in Geneva:***

The official celebration of the 2024 IDLTP will be held on **16 May** at the Palace of Nations in an international colloquium introduced by **Ms Tatiana Valovaya**, Director-General of the United Nations in Geneva, and dedicated to Education for a Culture of Peace, Peace Economy and Mediation.

- ***In public forums in Geneva:***

On **17 May** a reception at the **Palais Eynard** will give political decision-makers and educators a time for reflection on how to put this pedagogy into effect.

On **17 and 18 May** a Forum will take place at the communal hall in **Plainpalais**. It will allow the general public to experiment with, through workshops and presentations, the Culture of Peace seen through the lens of themes as widely varied as education, economics, communication, calligraphy and health.

In addition, from **2 to 31 May** the exposition “Eco Humanity” by the renowned graphic designer Armando Milani, will adorn the **Parc des Bastions and the Quai Gustave-Ador**. This artistic collection sheds light on the multiple crises facing humanity today, all the while encouraging hope and commitment to bring about change.

- ***In the world of education:***

From **13 to 16 May** AISA International NGO will present a series of activities in local schools in the framework of **School Peace Week**, allowing more than 700 pupils and educators to witness our pedagogy for a Culture of Peace and to work towards the goal of Living Together, one of the fundamental principles of general education for pupils in Swiss schools.

The concert of the nations for Living Together in Peace will conclude these three main days of the 2024 IDLTP (**16-18 May**) at the **Bateau Genève**, with the musical contribution of Taraf Syriana, a veritable symbol of peaceful coexistence.

The program for this 7th edition of the IDLTP will bring together numerous public figures from different domains, including **Ms Ann Hiltbold**, government advisor responsible for DIP; **Ms Christina Kitsos**, vice-president of the administrative council of the city of Geneva; **Sheikh Khaled Bentounes**, initiator of the IDLTP; **Mr. Boris Cyrulnik**, neuropsychiatrist and ethologist; **Mr. Jakob Kellenberger**, diplomat and former president of the ICRC; and **Mr. Harcourt Klinefelter**, former press secretary of Martin Luther King. The stories of their experiences will provide a wealth of perspectives and knowledge, as well as the chance to learn from one another about better living together and acting together.

Moreover, during this 7th edition of the IDLTP the Geneva **Declaration on Education for a Culture of Peace** will be officially proclaimed at the **University of Geneva**. This will be a decisive move aimed at bringing key actors into the international effort to promote Education for a Culture of Peace.

With the support of the City of Geneva, the initiative for the 2024 IDLTP is backed by numerous international and Geneva-based partners, including the University for Peace of the UN, the UNESCO Chair for a Culture of Economic Peace (GEM), FASE, Graines de Paix, ADEM, the Bateau Genève and the Municipality of Bernex.

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