



THE MOSTAGANEM DECLARATION

For an International Charter of Living Together in Peace



31 May 2025 – Mostaganem, Algeria



Mostaganem, Algeria, 31 May 2025,

We, the undersigned, gathered in Mostaganem on this 31st of May 2025 at the headquarters of the Mediterranean Foundation for Sustainable Development – Djanatu al-Arif, are pleased and honored to share the following declaration:

The initiators of Resolution 2024-10 (see annex), namely:

- The Senegalese Scout Confederation,
- le Firaisan'ny Skotisma eto Madagasikara,

in the presence of Nour El Houda Mahmoudi, member of the World Scout Committee.

were supported by the following scouting organizations and associations:

- Algerian Muslim Scouts,
- Muslim Scouts of France,
- Bund Muslimischer Pfadfinderinnen & Pfadfinder Deutschlands (Germany),
- Scouts Musulmanes de España (Spain),
- Scouting De Cirkel (Netherlands),

as well as by Cheikh Khaled Bentounes, initiator of the International Day of Living Together in Peace,

have solemnly adopted the Mostaganem Declaration, marking a historic step towards education in a culture of peace, mediation, living together, and working together, in accordance with Resolution A/RES/72/130 (see annex), unanimously adopted by the 193 member states of the United Nations General Assembly on 8 December 2017.

This initiative is part of the momentum created by Resolution 2024-10, adopted during the 43rd World Scout Conference held in Cairo, Egypt, in August 2024, and promotes a global educational alliance around a shared vision: Living and Acting Together in Peace.



On this occasion, the initiating organizations officially launched:

The International Charter of Living Together in Peace

This Charter establishes a universal framework to guide and strengthen the educational, institutional, and operational commitments of the signatory movements. It aims to actively contribute to building a more just, inclusive, united, and sustainable world, drawing on the fundamental values of Scouting..



Membership of the International Charter for Living Together in Peace is open to any National Scout Organization, educational association applying the Scout method, or partner structure sharing the values set out in the present document. Application for membership is made by sending an official letter of commitment, accompanied by an action plan aligned with the principles and objectives of the Charter..

Through this Declaration, the signatories affirm their commitment to building together a future of peace, where every young person, through education, becomes a responsible, compassionate, and engaged actor for a better world – building their future with one another, not against one another.

We commend the powerful and evocative theme: Living Together for Peace, chosen as part of the African Scout Conference.

Our next milestone is scheduled for September 17, 2025, in Antananarivo, Madagascar, for the first-ever International Summit on Living Together in Peace and the inauguration of the Peace Academy, held on the sidelines of the African Scout Conference – an event we warmly invite you to attend, to build together this world of peace.

The Organizing Committee

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Arab-Andalusian music concert – El Amel group from the Djanatu Al-Arif Foundation, Mostaganem



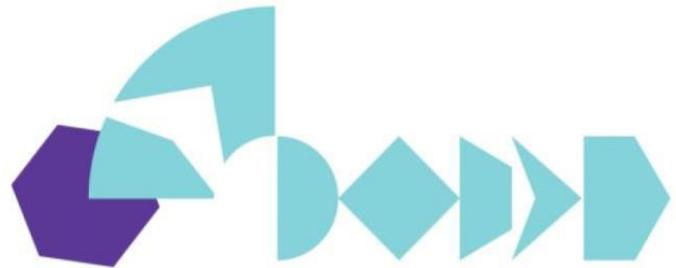
The leaders of the scout delegations and the national and Mostaganem SMA leaders



Choir of the young Algerian Muslim Scouts from the Mostaganem group

APPENDICES

- 1. International Charter for Living Together in Peace**
- 2. Resolution A/RES/72/130**, adopted unanimously by the 193 Member States of the United Nations on 8 December 2017
- 3. Resolution 2024-10**, adopted by the World Scout Conference on 23 August 2024



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INTERNATIONAL CHARTER FOR LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE

Preamble:

- Fully aware that lasting peace is built on respect for diversity, intercultural dialogue and social justice;
- Reaffirming the founding principles of Scouting as defined in the Constitution of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), in particular education for active citizenship, universal brotherhood and responsibility;
- Recalling United Nations Resolution A/RES/72/130 proclaiming May 16th as the International Day for Living Together in Peace (IDLTP/JIVEP);
- Further recalling Resolution 2024-10 of the 43rd World Scout Conference calling for a global commitment by the movement to the culture of peace;
- Drawing on normative and educational frameworks such as the Geneva Declaration on Education for a Culture of Peace, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Charter, and other conventions relating to children's rights;
- Taking note of the constitutive minutes signed on May 2, 2025 between the Confédération Sénégalaise du Scoutisme (Senegalese Scouting Confederation) and the Firaisan'ny Skotisma eto Madagasikara (WSF Madagascar), and recognizing their joint commitment to the progressive implementation of the present Charter and to the establishment of the provisional World Steering Committee of the Living Together in Peace program;

We, the National Scout Organizations and Associations backing this initiative, members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and open to member structures of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and to any educational organization applying the Scout Method, hereby adopt the present Charter.

Article 1 - Purpose of the Charter

The Charter establishes a common frame of reference to guide and reinforce the educational, institutional and operational commitments of the signatory movements towards building a world based on peace, inclusion, tolerance and diversity.

Article 2 - Founding principles

The signatories undertake to promote, through their educational and social actions, the following principles:

- Scout Law and Promise, selfless service, learning through action, respect for self, others and nature;
- Respect for diversity in all its forms: cultural, religious, linguistic, generational, identity-based;
- Dialogue and proactive reconciliation as fundamental educational principles;
- Social justice, rejecting all forms of domination and exclusion;
- Coexistence in solidarity, whereby everyone acts with and for others;
- Commitment to peace as a universal educational objective.

Article 3 – Areas of application

The present Charter applies to:

- Educational programs for young people and adults;
- Local, national, regional and international activities of the signatory movements;
- Official documents, training tools, policies and strategies developed by National Scouting Organizations (NSO's) and educational partners;
- Events and projects carried out by signatories in line with the Charter's objectives.

Article 4 - Governing structures

a. World Steering Committee for Living Together in Peace (CDMVEP)

The CDMVEP is the political and strategic body of the Charter. It is responsible for:

- Defining the three-year orientations;
- Validating membership applications;
- Approving programs, reports, budgets and statutory changes.

Membership:

- (02) Two representatives of the founding NSO's (WSF Madagascar and Confédération Sénégalaise du Scoutisme), on a permanent basis.
- (06) Six representatives elected by the signatory NSO's (renewed every 3 years).
- (01) One representative appointed by WOSM (consultative).
- (01) One representative appointed by WAGGGS (consultative).
- (02) Two young people (aged 18-26), elected by other young people from signatory NSO's.

The elected members of the World Steering Committee are elected for a renewable three-year term, following a vote organized at a virtual or physical general assembly of the signatory NSO's. The Chairperson of the Committee is elected from among its members every three years, prior to each World Scout Conference.

b. Permanent Secretariat for Living Together in Peace

The Permanent Secretariat for Living Together in Peace is the technical, administrative and implementation body for the three-year plan, WOSM and Living Together in Peace. It is responsible for:

- Administrative management and operational coordination;
- Project monitoring, communication and document management;
- Liaising with NSO's, WOSM, WAGGGS and partners.

Appointment of the Permanent Secretary:

- By international call for candidates, every three years;
- Appointed by the World Board, on the recommendation of an independent assessment committee;
- Renewable once only.

Article 5 - Permanent bodies of the Charter

a. World Scout Academy for Peace

The World Scout Academy for Peace is established as the world educational council of the Living Together in Peace program. It is a center for training, research and educational innovation. It is responsible for:

- developing pedagogical tools for youth programs and adult training;
- designing international training modules and certifying peace-building leadership skills,
- coordinating regional and global training sessions, and producing scientific research on the culture of peace.
- collaborating with all training and academic institutions to promote Living Together in Peace.

The Academy operates under the supervision of the Permanent Secretariat and is supported in its work by an International Pedagogical Council.

b. College of International Commissioners for Peace

A platform for consultation, monitoring and advocacy, it shall be made up of:

- International Commissioners of signatory NSA's/NSO's;
- Youth representatives;
- WAGGGS observers and partners.

Missions :

- Leading a network of Scout diplomacy;
- Managing inter-NSO and Member Organization relation;;
- Representing the program internationally.

c. International Day for Living Together in Peace (IDLTP/JIVEP) (May 16)

- Celebrations in all signatory NSO's;
- Annual rotating international conference;
- World Scout Youth Declaration for Peace.

d. Official scarf of the International Day for Living Together in Peace

An official scarf is instituted as a universal symbol of commitment by Charter members.

It shall be:

- Worn during activities linked to the program or to May 16th celebrations;
- Given to each organization when it becomes an official member;
- Developed according to a model validated by the World Steering Committee;
- A tool of identity, visibility and international recognition of the movement.

Article 6 - Commissions and thematic programs

A commission is a specialized structure created to support the technical implementation of the Charter's objectives. Its main role is to develop content, coordinate specific projects and advise governing bodies on specific themes.

A technical program is a structured set of activities, resources and methodologies designed to achieve measurable educational results, in line with the principles of Scouting and the aims of Living Together in Peace.

Permanent thematic commissions:

- Peace Education and the Scout Method
- Adult Education and Peace Leadership
- Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice
- Interfaith and intercultural dialogue
- Advocacy, communication and events

Depending on needs, the World Board may decide to set up a specific commission or a permanent technical program.

Article 7 - Membership and partnerships

Membership of the International Charter for Living Together in Peace is open to any National Scout Organization, educational association applying the Scout method, or partner structure sharing the values set out in the present document. Application for membership is made by sending an official letter of commitment, accompanied by an action plan aligned with the principles and objectives of the Charter. Validation of membership is subject to the assessment of the Living Together in Peace World Steering Committee, which evaluates the coherence, implementation capacity and commitment of the applicant. The Charter also encourages the establishment of strategic partnerships with academic institutions, United Nations agencies, international and local NGO's, and public authorities, with a view to supporting research, training, the dissemination of best practices, and mobilization for peace.

Article 8 - Planning and evaluation

Implementation of the Charter is based on a Three-Year Action Plan, adopted by the signatory members. It sets out the priorities, actions and responsibilities to be carried out collectively.

An impact assessment framework, based on qualitative and quantitative indicators, measures the progress made, the transformations observed, and the results achieved.

A global annual report is produced by the Permanent Secretariat, validated by the Global Committee, and shared with all members and partners to ensure transparency and monitoring of commitments.

Article 9 - Financing

The financing of the activities provided for by the Charter is based on diversified mechanisms, mobilizing both internal contributions and external resources. Sources of funding may include :

- Voluntary contributions from signatory NSO's;
- Responses to regional and global calls for projects;
- An annual budget drawn up by the Secretariat and approved by the CDMVEP (World Steering Committee for Living Together in Peace).

Article 10 - Prefiguration arrangements

In application of the Constitutive minutes signed on May 2, 2025, the prefiguration structures provided for in the present Charter are set up on a transitional basis.

The provisional World Steering Committee, made up of representatives of the founding NSO's, ensures strategic coordination of the signature and implementation process.

A provisional Permanent Secretary is appointed to ensure technical and administrative coordination, until the official installation of the statutory bodies at the General Assembly of the signatory NSO's.

Article 11 - Final provisions

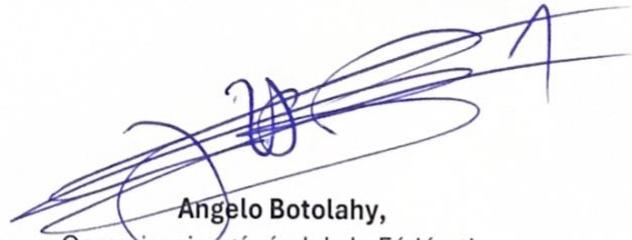
The present Charter is an act of voluntary commitment amongst the signatory organizations. It is a tool for implementing the resolutions of the World Scout Conference, and is placed at the disposal of the World Scout Committee in order to support the movement's global priorities. Its implementation is based on internal policies, guidelines and action plans adopted by member structures.

It is adopted for an unlimited period, and can be modified every three years by a qualified majority. The progressive accession of new NSO's, educational NGO's or WAGGGS members is encouraged.

Done this day, by the founding organizations and the first signatories, **at the headquarters of the Mediterranean Foundation for Sustainable Development "Djanatu al-Arif", Mostaganem, on May 31, 2025.**



Aby Sane,
President of the Senegalese Confederation of
Scouting

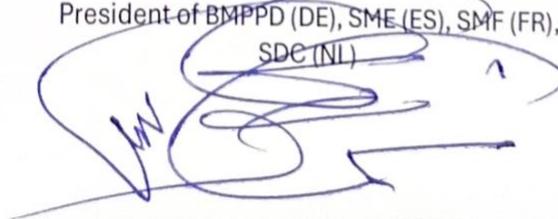


Angelo Botolahy,
Commissaire général de la Fédération
Scoute de Madagascar

Abderrazak Khatiri,
Deputy Chief Commander of the Algerian
Muslim Scouts



Sheikh Khaled Bentounes,
Initiator of the International Day of Living
Together in Peace, founder and Honorary
President of BMPPD (DE), SME (ES), SMF (FR),
SDC (NL)



43rd WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE

Resolutions

2024-10 LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE

The Conference,

- recognising that Scouting enables the training of citizens fully engaged in their communities and working to create a better world,
 - reaffirming the Scout Movement's commitment to peace and its responsibility as the world's leading educational youth movement,
 - recalling Conference Resolutions 1988-08, 2005-23, 2008-28, 2011-16, 2014-12, 2014-13, 2017-08, and 2021-10 on education and leadership in peace,
 - acknowledging United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/72/130, which was unanimously adopted by 193 member states proclaiming 16 May as the annual International Day for Living Together in Peace,
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- invites all Member Organizations to annually celebrate the International Day of Living Together in Peace on 16 May;
 - encourages innovative national and international gatherings to strengthen youth leadership and skills to achieve the inclusive representation of young people in conflict prevention, resolution, and peacebuilding;
 - invites all Member Organizations to integrate education for a culture of peace into their programmes to establish political, social, and economic peace for the well-being of humanity and to develop skills and behaviours among young people that are conducive to living together in peace;
 - requests the World Scout Committee to review existing programmes and initiatives with a view to support any further development and the promotion of actions and resources for Member Organizations, enabling them to understand and implement principles related to the inclusion of young people in peacebuilding efforts.



Seventy-second session
Agenda item 15

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 8 December 2017

[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/72/L.26](#) and [A/72/L.26/Add.1](#))]

72/130. International Day of Living Together in Peace

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the Charter of the United Nations, including the purposes and principles contained therein, and especially the dedication to saving succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Recognizing the importance of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,¹ which serve as the universal mandate for the international community, particularly the United Nations system, for the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence that benefits humanity, in particular future generations,

Recalling its previous resolutions on a culture of peace, in particular resolution [52/15](#) of 20 November 1997 proclaiming 2000 the International Year for the Culture of Peace, resolution [53/25](#) of 10 November 1998 proclaiming the period 2001–2010 the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, and resolution [71/252](#) of 23 December 2016, adopted under its agenda item entitled “Culture of peace”,

Recalling also its resolution [70/109](#) of 10 December 2015, entitled “A world against violence and violent extremism”, and resolution [71/249](#) of 22 December 2016, entitled “Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace”,

Reaffirming its resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years and Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#) of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in particular paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

¹ Resolutions [53/243](#) A and B.



Reaffirming also the United Nations Millennium Declaration² and General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

Recalling that one of the purposes of the United Nations as set forth in the Charter is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Acknowledging that living together in peace is accepting differences and having the ability to listen to, recognize, respect and appreciate others, as well as living in a peaceful and united way,

Recognizing the importance of respect and understanding for religious and cultural diversity throughout the world, of choosing dialogue and negotiation over confrontation and of working together,

Acknowledging the active engagement of the United Nations system with faith-based and cultural organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations in the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue and in bringing together people of different cultures, religions, faiths or beliefs to discuss common issues and objectives,

Recognizing the important role of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the work of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations on intercultural dialogue, as well as their activities related to the culture of peace and non-violence,

Acknowledging the important role of civil society, including academia and volunteer groups, in fostering interreligious and intercultural dialogue, and encouraging support for practical measures that mobilize civil society, including building capacities, opportunities and frameworks for cooperation,

Encouraging the continued and increasing efforts and activities on the part of civil society organizations throughout the world in advancing a culture of peace, as envisaged in the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,

1. *Declares* 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace;
2. *Underlines* that the International Day of Living Together in Peace constitutes a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity, and to express its attachment to the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, in order to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony;
3. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the International Day of Living Together in Peace in accordance with the culture and other appropriate circumstances or customs of their local, national and regional communities, including through education and public awareness-raising activities;
4. *Invites* all Member States to further promote reconciliation to help to ensure peace and sustainable development, including by working with communities, faith leaders and other relevant actors, through reconciliatory measures and acts of service and by encouraging forgiveness and compassion among individuals;

² Resolution 55/2.

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to facilitate the observance of the International Day of Living Together in Peace, in collaboration with other relevant organizations, mindful of the provisions of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#);

7. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions.

*68th plenary meeting
8 December 2017*




16 Mai - Journée Internationale du Vivre Ensemble en Paix
May 16 - International Day of Living Together in Peace
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16 Mai - Journée Internationale

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