



# Scouts Musulmans de France

*Vivre Ensemble en Paix*



## **Saving a life is saving humanity as a whole <sup>1</sup>**

As the world faces successive and accumulating crises, humanity is now confronted with a new conflict that deeply affects us. We witness with horror an outbreak of violence in the Middle East, where many innocent civilians, including numerous children, are victims.

Is humanity descending into madness? Is it losing all sense of humanity? Despite the challenges that should unite our assets, knowledge, skills, and discourse in the face of pandemics, climate change, and economic crises, war strikes again with its procession of blind violence and unspeakable tragedies.

The Muslim Scouts of France denounce the atrocities that human beings inflict upon each other in the name of often deadly ideologies. It is crucial to emphasize the absence of religious justifications in this conflict, which is solely political in nature.

This situation calls us to our deepest selves and reminds us that being human is above all a state of consciousness, beyond belonging to a community, religion, or culture.

On December 8, 2017, the 193 United Nations Member States, during their General Assembly, unanimously adopted resolution A/RES/72/130 proclaiming May 16 as the International Day of Living Together in Peace. This day is a means to regularly mobilize the efforts of the international community in favor of peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding, and solidarity. It is an opportunity for everyone to express the profound desire to live and act together, united in difference and diversity, to build a viable, sustainable, and supportive world.

We call on these 193 states to implement this resolution for the future of humanity.

We call on all Scouting and Guiding organizations worldwide, in the name of shared values of peace, fraternity, and solidarity, to call for an immediate ceasefire for the life and safety of all.

The Muslim Scouts of France have placed at the heart of their project education for a Culture of Peace to contribute to moving away from the culture of "I" towards the culture of "WE," and to place peace as the cornerstone of teachings and learning. Promoting mediation within our Movement helps awaken children to the need for dialogue from a young age and provides them with tools to prevent conflict situations. Learning to live with each other, not against each other, is our mission and daily action.

***"To live and prosper, society needs a shared vision, a common denominator that unites it through an ideal that carries meaning and cohesion. Thus, each person can realize that they are a member of the same body and that by acting for the common good, they act for their own good."***

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<sup>1</sup> Koran, S5 V32