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SOME CONCEPTS OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE

The University for Peace is an international Institution devoted to seek peace through education with humanistic purposes and according to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Approved by the XXXV General Assembly on December 5th, 1980, its creation responds to one of the most pressing needs of modern times: the disarmament of the mind for the building of peace.

The goal of the University is to contribute to the great universal task of educating for peace by engaging in education, research, and the dissemination of knowledge to the promotion of peace.

Placed outside the organizational framework of the United Nations, but at the same time not simply a national project, the University For Peace is particularly suited, because of the academic freedom it enjoys, to set out and to deal with the problems of human survival through justice and peace.

Among its main subjects is the study of irenology, a new conceptual analysis that encompasses a philosophy of peace which must be developed and strengthened through education for peace, complementary areas of study include the Communication Media and respect and implementation of Human Rights.

Besides these elements, additional integrated fields of study include: the area of Natural Resources and Quality of life, the area of Scientific and Technological Cooperation; Conflict and Peace; Attitude, Analysis and Behavior; International Organizations; Mediation in International Conflicts; International Social Justice, and the study of two great world problems: External Debt and Refugees.

Education for Peace must make humanity abandon the idea that its culture, ideology or way of thinking is something which can be imposed on others through violence or by force. Only two alternatives can be seen on the near horizon, tragedy or education.

A problem of such magnitude, decisive for the human race, cannot be left in the hands of politicians or diplomats, nor does it depend solely on the ability to negotiate. This is an international and personal problem, and we must all take part in solving it. We must change our personal attitudes and act to prevent problems rather than reacting to them after the fact. In truth, we must apply the equivalent principles of preventive, rather than curative medicine, in all fields that deal with the integral development of mankind.

"AMONG PEOPLE AS AMONG NATIONS THE RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS IS PEACE"

Benito Juarez

"Si vis pacem, para pacem"