

## Introduction to the U.P.G.C.N. Network

The University for Peace, created by the United Nations (General Assembly Resolution 35/55/5/XII/1980), is an international institution dedicated to the promotion of Peace, by means of Education for Peace, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is to this effect, and after an exhaustive analysis of the transcendental need of good, efficient and expedient communications between individuals, groups, organizations and institutions working in favor of peace, that the University, in full coordination with distinguished international figures, decided to establish a Global Computer Network (herein referred to as the University for Peace Global Computer Network, UPGCN).

The purpose and function of this Network is multiple. It is important to emphasize the main areas of activities:

- the establishment of the first World Yellow Pages on Peace, which will provide a complete directory on all documentation of related areas and of all the institutions and organizations working in the field;
- the bringing together of some of the world's greatest thinkers into international think tanks on the various related subjects;
- making available to the users the information in the data banks of institutions that presently are not accessible to the public by transferring the data to our own data bank, the first of its kind in the world;
- a service of dissemination of information through coordination with our own international news service (INFORPAZ) and newspaper (DIALOGUE), which presently reach over 500 mass media in over 60 countries.

When the UPGCN is referred to, it should be understood as a program of the University for Peace, developed under the principles of the United Nations and in fulfillment of its objectives, and in coordination with the

various individuals and entities that choose to participate.

### **Objectives:**

- 1- UPGCN aims to facilitate the promotion of World Peace by means of a globally interconnected computer network;
- 2- UPGCN aims to support individuals, groups, organizations, institutions and computer networks throughout the world that are working to enhance and promote Peace, involving as wide a spectrum as is possible, by helping them to communicate and share information with one another, even if any one of them decide not to become an affiliate of the UPGCN, and not denying access to anyone on the basis of gender, color, religion, sexual preference or political affiliation;

For this purpose, UPGCN will establish the following services:

- Electronic Mail, to be used by all affiliated individuals, groups, movements, institutions and computer networks;
- Conferencing, a means for all affiliated individual users or organizations to contribute with their knowledge and honest concern to the solution of particular problems which may affect peaceful co-existence among nations and peoples;
- Data Base, administered by the University for Peace in direct operational coordination with UPGCN, with all kind of peace related information and with a specialized service for academic and research institutions;
- Additional future services which may be established by the UPGCN Board.