

INC Coalition for Global Ethics Building peace starts on the parliamentarians' benches as much as on the benches of schools

TURNING SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES MOBILIZING LEADERS AND CIVIC LEADERS TO IMPLEMENT THE CULTURE OF PEACE AND SDG'S Within the International Decade for the Rapprochement of Culture

Planned: 2019 High level Forum AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS

The U.N. SDG's encompass ethics inherent in many cultures and religions on issues of social and environmental justice. The *Inter-Parliamentary Coalition for Global Ethics* is launching a major initiative to create a global steering committee of parliamentarians, religious, education and cultural representatives to lead the efforts to harness cultural and religious ethics to promote legislation and social action to implement these goals. .as a follow up to the 2016 High Level Panel and 2018 Summit of Parliamentarians.

The 'United Nations' Headquarters faces the Isaiah Wall inscribed across from the main building. The quote from the prophet Isaiah was chosen as the founding motto for the world's foremost organization for international peace. In his eternal thought, the day is mentioned when no nation will wage

war against another nation, and when swords – the instruments of war – will be transformed into plowshares – the instruments for providing man’s sustenance.

Goal 16 of the SDG’s *“Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development...”* is the pre condition for the accomplishment of all the other goals set forth in the SDG’s. This coincides with ***“The International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures”*** (2013-2022) which stems from the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 67/104 adopted in December 2012, co-sponsored by Kazakhstan.

INC in cooperation with leading parliamentary and civic society organizations will convene parliamentarians and leaders in the fields of culture, education and religion to share their insight and wisdom with the leading UN officials to assure that the vision of the United Nations, to have a peaceful and civilized world in which economic justice and righteousness prevail, can be fulfilled. The goal of this HLM is to develop a coalition of parliamentarians, religious and cultural leaders to work with the UN to implement the development goals towards a culture of peace and prosperity.

