

LIVADIA DECLARATION ON THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY

*“We are resolved upon the earliest possible establishment with our allies of a general international organization **to maintain peace and security**. We believe that this is essential, both to prevent aggression and to remove the political, economic and social causes of war through the close and continuing collaboration of all peace-loving peoples.”*

From the Communiqué on the 1945 Crimean (Yalta) Conference.

We, the participants of the International Public Forum on Preserving Memory of the Second World War and the Great Patriotic War “Won Together – for the Sake of Peace and Creation,” dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Crimean (Yalta) Conference in 1945, which took place on February 14, 2020 at the Livadia Palace,

understanding our joint responsibility for the shared future of the planet,

expressing a united desire to preserve peace among peoples, to protect and enhance the achievements of human civilization and its spiritual, cultural, and historical values,

agreeing to follow the secure foundation of life –international morality of peaceful coexistence and ethical and moral rules of the community of peoples;

considering that in a global environment burdened by new challenges, preserving human dignity and saving all peoples and humanity as a whole is a foundation of global security,

being convinced that this foundation is a natural necessity for the existence of every human being and all peoples,

supporting the goals and principles stated in the UN Charter, which include, in particular, the development of friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principles of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, adoption of other necessary measures to strengthen peace in the world, as well as strengthening of international cooperation in addressing international problems of an economic, social, cultural and humanitarian nature and in encouraging and developing respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all people, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

confirming their commitment to upholding the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, under which the ideal of a free human being can be achieved in conditions of global security, when every person on the planet and every nation will be able to carry out their activities without fear for their present and future,

we have agreed as follows:

Article 1

- Our determination stems from a shared interest in a fair international order, the foundations of which were jointly laid by the leaders of Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States at the Crimean (Yalta) Conference in 1945.
- Recognizing the historical significance of the Crimean Conference, which is associated with the beginning of UN establishment and formation of a post-war international system of collective security, we welcome the desire to revive a spirit of alliance and joint action in order to preserve peace.
- The lessons of history should serve as a stimulus to unite the efforts of authorities and society in order to prevent wars and conflicts in a modern world and to ensure the safe and harmonious development of all humanity.

Article 2

- Our common duty is to preserve the historical memory of the Second World War and the Great Patriotic War, of the great heroism of peoples in the fight against fascism and Nazism and of those heroes who defended peace at the cost of their own lives.
- Our common task is an active resistance to distortion of the history of the Second World War. We condemn any attempt to falsify its outcomes.

- We support the initiative to preserve all monuments dedicated to the liberating soldiers as part of the World Second World War memorial, as a symbol of the inviolable memory of the human spirit's Great Victory.

Article 3

- The approval of common international security and peaceful coexistence represents a historic turning point towards preserving life on Earth.
- Where a culture of peaceful coexistence among countries and peoples is absent, conflicts and wars can lead to the destruction of the entire human civilization.
- Embracing the diversity of cultures and peoples and their spiritual and moral foundations, and recognizing the supreme value of human life, we back international initiatives to preserve peace worldwide.

Article 4

- The right to peace, to a secure life is an inalienable right of every person, society and state.
- We consider it essential and urgent to settle the world situation by international law and moral principles in order to strengthen security and build friendly relations among countries and peoples in the future.
- We consider unacceptable the use of force in international relations in order to suppress the personality and oppress peoples, depriving them of the possibility coexist peacefully.
- No State, group or individual is entitled to take any action aimed at violating personal, public and global security. Every human individual and the global community bear responsibility for the fate of the planet.

Article 5

- Voicing our shared concern, we will help create a planet where every individual, every nation, and every country can thrive in favorable conditions.
- We affirm the need to unite our efforts in order to bring a peaceful present and future, spiritual and moral climate on the planet and further evolutionary development of humanity.
- The development and saving of peoples imply a careful attitude towards natural resources and natural wealth, creation of safe and comfortable living conditions. It encourages joint efforts to solve global problems and preserve the planet in all its diversity.

Article 6

1. At the current historical stage of development, humanity, more than ever, requires joint mechanisms for building a future based on the principles of equality, justice, and mutual respect.
2. One of such mechanisms is the formation of a public integration model of partnership among peoples, based on spiritual and moral principles, in the name of establishing peace and harmony through the development of multilateral cooperation and public diplomacy.

3. The implementation of a comprehensive peace initiative that unites the international community and complements the ongoing efforts of public organizations can become an effective mechanism for preserving peace and mutual understanding between nations.

Article 7

1. The highest guiding principles of human life are common life values: family, children, home, homeland, friendship, happiness, safety, health, wellbeing and justice. Love, Truth, Beauty unite us regardless of our belonging to any race, nation, faith or social group.

2. We consider global humanization to be a new vector of civilizational development. It ensures humanitarian security and encompassing the entire spectrum of virtuous universal human existence.

3. Peaceful and amicable relations between individuals and peoples, alongside respect for human dignity, are the cornerstone of a harmonious combination of the material and spiritual foundations of life, and a guarantor of the future of the world and humanity.

Article 8

1. In making this world a better place, we must ensure positive and harmonious conditions for the development of future generations on the planet.

2. It is the younger generation that is destined to transform consciousness, carrying into the future the most valuable, positive, and highly moral experience accumulated throughout history. Only upon achieving a positive continuity can we confidently declare that the future of the world is in safe hands. Therefore, supporting the youth in their development is our shared and great task.

3. We stand for a peaceful childhood! We stand for a peaceful future! We stand for a peaceful life!

THE CAUSE OF PEACE MUST BE ADDRESSED BY THE WHOLE WORLD!

*Adopted by the participants of the Yalta International Public Forum
on preserving the memory of the Second World War
and the Great Patriotic War*

“WON TOGETHER – in the name of peace and creation”

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