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to the Peoples and Heads of State, International Intergovernmental and NonGovernmental Organizations

We, the participants of the First Congress of the Eurasian Peoples' Assembly, representatives of nongovernmental organizations from 67 countries, address all peoples and heads of state, international intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations with a firm conviction in the aspiration of all peoples for peace and with a call to do everything in their power to preserve humanity.

Peace can be achieved only together, through the organization of the broadest public discourse on the most complex and controversial problems of our time, based on the recognition of the need to consolidate the peoples of the Eurasian continent in the interests of strengthening friendship and comprehensive creative cooperation between countries and peoples of the region and the planet as a whole.

Eurasia is the largest continent on Earth, washed by all the world's oceans. Here the great treasures of world culture have been created, the major world religions, philosophical and sociopolitical teachings recognized throughout the world have originated. To preserve and develop this cradle of world civilization is our common goal.

We believe that the 21st century must be an era of building a peaceful and secure future, affirming cultural diversity, interethnic and interfaith dialogue and, on this basis, developing a new integration model of a Greater Eurasian Partnership from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

We are confident that the 21st century is called upon to become the century of a great and prosperous Eurasia, a just and sustainable world order based on the principles of international law, justice, mutual respect, the broadest tradeeconomic and culturalhumanitarian cooperation, designed to ensure the growth of wellbeing of all countries and peoples of the Eurasian continent.

We are convinced that preserving and strengthening the fragile peace throughout the world is the key link in solving the whole range of problems facing humanity today. This is the highest goal and the main condition for the survival of civilization. This is the most urgent task facing the entire world community today.

Peace has been won through the suffering of humanity! And won not as an abstraction, but precisely as a call for the need for urgent real actions in its defense.

Peace is achievable, but it must be fought for even more consistently and purposefully. A global peacemaking process is needed, in which national and international nongovernmental organizations and other civil society institutions can and must play an increasingly active role. The need for such a largescale peacemaking activity is dictated by the realities of a modern, rapidly changing world, in which the ongoing changes affect the fundamental foundations of interpersonal, social and interstate relations and generate fundamentally new approaches to the selforganization of man and society.

The current agenda urgently demands a shift of attention to the priority solution of such tasks as spiritual and moral enlightenment and education of the population, especially young people; ensuring sustainable socioeconomic development and growth of wellbeing without excessive pressure on the environment; maximizing the resource potential of the individual, their intellectual, spiritual and physical improvement; and establishing the principles of a healthy lifestyle in the mass consciousness.

Guided by the interests of creating a benevolent, creative Eurasia without wars and conflicts, preserving and strengthening peace throughout the world, we, representatives of nongovernmental organizations, scientific and creative intelligentsia, and the business community from more than 60 countries, have established the International Union of NonGovernmental Organizations "World Peoples' Assembly".

Its goal is to become a broad discussion platform not only for debating the urgent tasks of peacebuilding in Eurasia, but also for determining priority practical steps in this direction. And we would like to take these steps together.

In this regard, we appeal to all peoples and heads of state, international intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations with a call to:

- Unite efforts in the name of peace and life on Earth.
- Prevent the escalation of the threat of nuclear war and any other types of military conflicts.
- Unite efforts in the fight against international terrorism, religious extremism and any other manifestations of destructive, misanthropic ideology.
- Launch a broad crossborder public movement for a peaceful, creative Eurasia.

We, the participants of the Congress, express our confidence that only through united efforts can these tasks be achieved.

We call on everyone, in harmony and goodwill, to join forces to build a happy future.

The Eurasian Peoples' Assembly is open to the broadest dialogue with all who share the idea of the need for harmonious interaction, coordination and complementarity of efforts of state and nonstate actors in the cause of preserving peace, stability and security on a regional and planetary scale.

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