

Calling to mind the **2014 International Conference of NGOs** theme
« Re-enchanting the World with the Post 2015 Development Agenda »
« a collaboration between NGOs and UNESCO »
NGO partners with UNESCO have drafted a call for peace.

CALL FOR PEACE

Some NGO UNESCO partners,

Convinced that only a **responsible and sustainable peace** is capable of **re-enchanting the world,**

Deeply concerned about serious threats to peace around the world that are causing innumerable civilian casualties,

Attached to the principles stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which mention that « Whereas disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of mankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people »,

Persuaded, together with UNESCO, that "wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be built,"

Call on all men and women of the World to create social, economic and environmental conditions for a lasting peace, wherever they live and work,

Assume with determination the singular mandate entrusted to NGOs in Article 18 of Resolution 53/144 of the UN General Assembly for a new world order based on tolerance and respect for all people, taking into consideration their differences,

Urge Member States, at this time of great peril, to assume more effectively, according to the provisions of international law, all their obligations: to respect, protect and satisfy human rights by practical measures established in positive law,

Share the commitment of the international community and United Nations' agencies to guarantee for both girls and boys in all schools, from kindergarten through higher education and through no-formal and informal education, an education on non-violence, mutual respect for one another in all situations, and a culture of peace.

Paris, 16 December 2014