



New York, the Ritz-Carlton, December 6, 2017

Mr. Secretary General, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen State Representatives, Your Excellency, Ambassador of Algeria to the United Nations, Honorable Assembly,

We always have need of one smaller than oneself. No one can claim to have the whole, everyone has a part. Let us put ourselves in synergy, continue to put our knowledge, our assets and our will at the service of peace for all. Let us increase our investment in the Culture of Peace to extinguish the fire of hatred by the altruistic impetus of love.

In 2015, the international community pledged to achieve 17 Sustainable Development Goals, while asking everyone, and in particular the civil society of which we are part, to contribute to the global effort. On this blessed day of Friday, December 8th in the year of Grace 2017, our International Network entitled "Synergy 17 SDG" brings you its modest contribution created at UNESCO May 19th, 2017 and inserted in the "Paris Declaration". We put this in the hands of your noble assembly so that you may open a new opportunity for peace, dialogue and friendship between peoples and civilizations.

Behind your decision is a response that the world needs, and one that will echo the anniversary we are about to celebrate in two days: I would like to talk about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is no secret that this important Declaration was established after the scourge of war, unspeakable atrocities and a reign of terror.

As Honorary President of AISA INTERNATIONAL NGO, holding the Special Consultative Status conferred by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, we have worked to make, of our idea, a reality with the close collaboration of Algeria and thanks to the favorable reception of many United Nations Member States. You are solemnly thanked.

Today, after a long and careful reflection, we are facing your noble Assembly. I have come to you as the messenger of a great Sufi order that appeals to the generosity of your conscience as a decision-maker of the present and the future. It is with your wisdom that we can build a society of Living Together and Doing Together so that our children can build their future with each other and not against each other.

Peace is not just the absence of war or conflict. Peace is, first and foremost, a state of being that each of us feels within ourselves, with a desire to share, uniting with all of our fellow beings, beyond our color, our religion or our nationality. A human being is initially a consciousness and this increases or decreases according to their attachment to the values of ethics, justice, solidarity and peace.

The immanent Humanity which lives in us is more expressive when each one of us decides to make their life a richness for themselves, with and for another. I address this humanity of which each one of you is depositary and humbly ask you to make this "International Day of Living Together in Peace" a reminder to the precious and urgent reconciliation of the human family. As such, a call of hope and a generous offering to all those who believe and aspire to the human fraternity.

Thank you.
Sheikh Khaled Bentounes.

