

The Aliyar Declaration 2002

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Preamble

At the dawn of the 21st century, we share a sense of hope and anticipation of a world community enjoying peace and harmony. 'One Humanity' is the collective hope of all and it seems possible because of the many developments unfolding at the international, national and local levels. This hope is accompanied by the aspiration and the need felt to critically re-examine the economic, social, scientific, political and cultural policies of people and governments.

World peace can only be achieved when there is peace within every individual, which then extends to the family, society and nation.

The Aliyar Declaration is the proud product of the World Congress on Global Vision and Strategies for Peace, Nonviolence and Harmony, held at Aliyar, Tamil Nadu, India, from August 10-13, 2002.

More than 1,000 people, comprising delegates from various countries of the world, attended the Congress. The Declaration is the collective wisdom of eminent personalities who addressed the Congress, together with participatory inputs from all delegates.

The World Congress was jointly organised by the Brain Trust of the World Community Service Centre, Madurai Kamaraj University, Gandhigram Rural Deemed University and the Association for Sarva Seva Farms.

The Aliyar Declaration is a global plan of action aiming to

- ★ Establish one world federal government
- ★ Strive for universal agreement on One Truth, One Religion
- ★ Realize economic justice for all
- ★ Inculcate universal respect and recognition for the greatness of womanhood
- ★ Impart holistic education
- ★ Reform existing political ethos and governance
- ★ Give priority to protection of human rights
- ★ Review the philosophical foundation of science

It is our sincere hope that the people of the world give serious consideration to the Aliyar Declaration 2002 and act upon it in the best interests of humanity.

THE ALIYAR DECLARATION 2002

Understanding that the nations and people of the world are inter-woven by a common origin, habitat and destiny on this planet;

- ★ With the firm conviction that all human beings should live with freedom of expression and belief and freedom from fear and want;
- ★ Realising that peace, welfare and security of all nations and people are inevitably intertwined and indivisible;
- ★ Desirous of evolving humankind from a state of internece war and suffering that haunts history, to a more enlightened era of international relations;
- ★ Recognising that profound respect for the unity of people of planet Earth as well as continuing sovereignty of all nations must be the cornerstones of this international evolution; and
- ★ Observing the need for reform in the spheres of education, culture of living, organised religion, politics, economics, access to the basic necessities of life and the philosophical foundation of the contemporary paradigm of our concept of the nature of the physical universe,

ACCORDINGLY, NOW, WE DECLARE OUR ASPIRATION TO:

I. Establish One World Federal Government

Founded on a World Without War:

- War is a crime against humanity and it should be outlawed permanently because no human being is authorised to kill another
- Natural Justice demands that those who have not committed any crime should not be punished. All governments should be aware that war as well as capital punishment and all other forms of violence - direct, structural and hidden - are violations of natural justice and are therefore impermissible in civilisation
- ★ Wherein all national administration is by elective democracy, without royal, military or theocratic dictatorship
- ★ Wherein all national governments are secular, without an official state religion

By empowering the UN with authority to guarantee and safeguard the human birthright to food, water, shelter, security, education and livelihood for all through:

- *Democratisation of the UN with representation according to population and with equal rights and responsibilities for all members. This establishment is ordained to be divine protection for all people of the world alike and is meant for establishing peace and annihilating war. The veto power vested with a few nations is a black mark on the world community and therefore should be removed*
- *Use, if necessary, of the United Nations Peace Keeping Forces to actively safeguard the borders and protect citizens of all nations, transcending concepts of sovereignty*
- *Creation of a World Peace Service Corps to provide medical, educational, technological services and develop infrastructure in underdeveloped nations by utilising all national defence personnel at the discretion of the UN*
- *Institution of a fund to support these activities contributed to by all member nations according to economic capacity*
- *A mandate from all the UN members to protect the basic human rights and fulfil human needs within all nations and authorisation to carry out this mandate through the UN by any means deemed necessary*

II. Acknowledge and strive for universal agreement on one truth, one religion

All forms and names refer to the same Supreme Divinity: omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent that has transformed into the Universe

- ★ *Traditional rites and rituals associated with particular names and forms of divinity are to be reviewed in the light of contemporary understanding, needs and culture, and the responsibility to reform these should be given to the religious leaders of the world. As a necessary pre-requisite, every religion should endorse mutual acceptance and respect for others*
- ★ *All excessive accumulation of wealth and property by religious institutions should be utilised for providing technical education and other social welfare works*

III. Realize economic justice for all, as:

- ★ Economic justice is a pre-requisite for a civilised and peaceful society
- ★ Money is a token of labour; hence all financial exchange should be proportionate to labour or services rendered
- ★ Contemporary economic policies and conventions may be obsolete and must be subjected to review in light of the above
- ★ Every able adult must live by his or her earnings that are proportionate to physical or mental labour. Inherited property should go to the social security fund to maintain orphans, the aged, the invalid and all dependent and needy people.
- ★ It is essential to review and curtail exorbitant financial transactions related to sports, entertainment and gambling. Sports must be made non-commercial and restricted only to the purpose of fitness.
- ★ The curse of unemployment is threatening the whole world and cannot be solved by any means other than re-distribution of work; employment must be shared optimally by reducing working hours appropriately and as necessary
- ★ The value of philanthropy is to be inculcated and insisted upon among all business enterprises and the wealthy, so they may share their wealth, property and skills with those who are less advantaged

IV. Inculcate universal respect and recognition for the greatness of womanhood

- ★ Providing special facilities for their needs, according to female biology and physiology; for example, from the start of third trimester of pregnancy to the third month after delivery, women should have maternity leave with full pay and benefits.
- ★ Giving equal opportunity for education and all professions, including spiritual pursuits.

V. Impart holistic education comprising

- ★ General knowledge, production skills and philosophy of life and nature, ethics and peace education; striving for refinement of the heart and discipline of the soul by introducing meditation and introspection techniques to streamline the mind and sublimate the character
- ★ Awareness of duty to society and to safeguard the ecological equilibrium of the planet

VI. Reform the existing political ethos and governance, as it is based on needs and conditions relevant to the past. Now, due to the tremendous advancement of sciences, the world has gained wonderful knowledge and global lifestyles have changed. Political reform should be instituted accordingly, which would include provisions such as:

- ★ Stipulated minimum qualification for holders of elected office
- ★ No executive powers are wielded by elected officials; their duty should be to enact legislation based on the advice of policy experts and to work in the service of people in their respective constituencies
- ★ Setting up a special department of Political Science (Science of Good Governance) in every college and therein a degree course made compulsory for all those who aspire to contest for political office

VII. Give highest priority to protection of human rights, whereby

- ★ Each person must be guaranteed sufficient access to food, water, health care, education and livelihood
- ★ Capital punishment is to be outlawed everywhere: the barbaric practice of murdering a person by judicial decree leaves his entire family grieving and innocent of any crime.
- ★ Water resources (such as rivers) and geological resources (such as minerals, gas and petroleum) are to be made the common property of all people of the country, and their use administered by the central authority of the country; in case of shared territory their use should be allocated by a body duly appointed by the UN

VIII. Review the present paradigm of the philosophical foundation of science, as we observe that:

- ★ The increasing number of unresolved problems in cosmology and particle physics calls for a radical paradigm shift in our concept of Nature
- ★ As gravity is the only force operating at all levels, it is of utmost importance that science be based on a proper understanding of it. In this context, the concept of gravity as the inherent property of space must be seriously investigated
- ★ As it is only magnetism that manifests all kinds of energy including electricity, clear knowledge on the subject should be obtained through scientific research and imparted to students of schools and universities

*May the whole world enjoy
Happiness, Prosperity, Peace!*



OUR GOAL

*This beautiful world designed by the Almighty
is culturally evolved by innumerable
generations of people, in the course of millions of years.*

No one has the right to destroy it.

*Let us preserve it for our enjoyment and
for future generations.*

- Vethathiri Maharishi

WORLD PEACE PRAYER

"May all responsible world leaders open their hearts to
realize the precious nature of human life.

May they unite to form a powerful world government to
protect the borders of all nations.

May all people live without fear of enmity and war,
carrying out their duties.

May peace prevail forever and ever for all to live in happiness
and harmony on earth".

WORLD BLESSING

"Rain may pour on all parts of the world
timely and sufficiently;

Food grains may grow abundantly to
the satisfaction of all living beings;

The leaders of all nations may progress in
spiritual knowledge and do good services to humanity;

The whole world may enjoy prosperity,
happiness and peace".