

# **The Peace Cruise Declaration**

***From the Peace Sailors in Thessaloniki on the occasion of the launch day of the International Year for the Culture of Peace.***

## **Introduction**

We, the Peace Sailors coming from around the world, on the Peace Cruise, have embarked on an ambitious mission seeking to promote peace and reconciliation. We thank the following for their support – UNESCO, North-South centre of the Council of Europe, European Union, World Organization of the Scout Movement, European and Mediterranean Youth Forum.

Through a tough sea life we aim to bring different cultures together. We want the spirit of peace to be present in the minds and wills of people. That's why we are here, to make these ideas reality. We want to educate and train the next generation in order to help prepare the ground for peace.

The Peace Cruise improves our thoughts about peace, cultural diversity, conflict management, negotiation, fairness, human rights, communication, and the role of youth organisations.

## **Declaration**

We, the Peace Sailors, are united by a dream of peace and harmony in the world. This we believe can be achieved by working together.

For us peace needs:

1. Education, which must build peace into the minds and wills of people.
2. People to be able to enjoy a life with happiness and satisfaction.
3. Rejection of violence and discrimination, so that people understand with open minds different cultures, religions, customs and traditions.
4. People to share the love they have, remembering that what is not given is lost.
5. People to look for mutual interest between themselves. This will build a bridge over the obstacles that prevent the unity of the world.

Finally, we are sure that the peace is possible. We are convinced that youth has a very important role in establishing and maintaining peace. We believe that young people can achieve this by constructing a public opinion in their countries that calls for justice, protection of human rights, tolerance and mutual respect. We want peace to prevail in the next millennium all over the world.

***The Peace Sailors  
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*The Peace Sailors come from Albania, Algeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Macedonia, Malta, Morocco, Norway, Palestinian Authority, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America, Yugoslavia.*

