



## **DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES FOR PEACE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, Granollers held on 3 October 2014**

In September 2013, local representatives of 15 Mediterranean countries met in Aubagne (France), under the patronage of Mayors for Peace, to advance the creation of a network of Cities for Peace in the Mediterranean. The participants agreed to make Culture of Peace a tool for local management, to share their experiences with other networks and institutions, and to form a working group to analyze conflicts in the Mediterranean and speak up their opinions about its peaceful resolution.

The Granollers Conference takes as its starting point the Final Declaration of the First Conference of Municipalities for Peace in the Mediterranean, and its participants highlight their desire to contribute to the creation of an area of peace and solidarity in the Mediterranean, taking everybody into account, in order to make our cities and towns spaces of freedom, coexistence and social cohesion.

For all that, from the conviction that municipalities -as the first level of democracy- are privileged to develop a Culture of Peace, participants agree to:

- Strengthen cooperation between municipalities and local governments in the Mediterranean and encourage cooperation projects, aimed at mutual understanding, promoting coexistence and peace education, with the participation of society civil and citizenry.
- Expand the network of Mayors for Peace, develop their initiatives and work for the elimination of nuclear weapons, as provided NPT (Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons).
- Encourage governments to take bold and innovative proposals to achieve a peaceful world. An essential element is the elimination of nuclear weapons, given the risk they represent to human life.
- Promote the activities and work of Mayors for Peace among citizens, with special emphasis on its impact on the local level.
- Promoting peace education in schools and society.
- Develop synergies and collaboration between local governments and other institutions and organizations working in the field of peace and disarmament.
- Make our voices heard regarding the conflicts taking place in the countries of the Mediterranean basin and support citizens, provided that the inhabitants of cities and towns are always the first and main victims of these conflicts.
- Contribute to achieve a space of peace, stability and prosperity in the Mediterranean through initiatives and specific projects.

The institutions that promote the Conference of Municipalities for Peace in the Mediterranean will ensure the continuation of this process, foster cooperation with existing structures, and agree to hold the next meeting in 2016.

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