THE ATHENS MANIFESTO FOR PEACE

Knowledge, Reason, and the Shared Responsibility of Humanity

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Under the guidance and initiative of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (EASA)

We, the scholars, scientists, artists, and participants of the International Conference *Dialogues4Peace 2026*, gathered in Athens, a historic birthplace of philosophical inquiry and rational dialogue, affirm our shared responsibility to advance peace through knowledge, understanding, and cooperation.

Peace is not merely the absence of conflict. It is a continuous achievement of human civilization, sustained by education, mutual respect, cultural understanding, scientific progress, and the capacity to resolve differences through reasoned dialogue.

We recognize that humanity constitutes an interconnected whole, enriched by the diversity of its cultures, traditions, intellectual achievements, and historical experiences. The cultural heritage of every people forms part of the collective memory of humankind. Its preservation is therefore a universal responsibility extending beyond geographical boundaries and generations.

Science, scholarship, and the arts transcend national and cultural divisions. Their universal language provides a foundation for cooperation, the exchange of ideas, and the advancement of human well-being. Scientific knowledge, guided by ethical responsibility, must serve humanity and contribute to addressing the complex challenges of our shared future.

We affirm that:

1. **Human dignity and the value of life** constitute fundamental principles of peaceful coexistence.
2. **Knowledge, critical thinking, and education** are essential instruments for overcoming ignorance, prejudice, and misunderstanding.
3. **Cultural heritage and historical memory** are a common inheritance whose protection strengthens continuity, identity, and mutual understanding.
4. **Interdisciplinary scientific cooperation** offers pathways towards addressing global challenges and promoting sustainable human development.
5. **Dialogue, intellectual freedom, and mutual respect** provide the foundations for constructive relationships among peoples and civilizations.

We believe that the wisdom accumulated throughout human history, combined with contemporary scientific discovery and technological innovation, can strengthen humanity's capacity to anticipate risks, understand complexity, and build a more peaceful future.

Under the guidance and initiative of the **European Academy of Sciences and Arts**, we call upon the international academic and scientific community to foster a lasting culture of dialogue, responsible knowledge, and cooperation in the service of humanity.

Peace begins with understanding, grows through knowledge, and endures through shared responsibility.

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