

## Eurasia-Europe UPF Leadership Conference

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### **With the Philosophies and Ideals of World Peace of Rev. Sun Myung Moon...Eurasia-Europe UPF Leadership Conference** Newsis

From the 5th to the 7th, the Universal Peace Federation hosted the Eurasia-Europe Leadership Conference in Moldova's capital city of Chisinau.

About 100 leaders from Eurasia, Europe and America from religious, political, academic and NGO fields gathered for "A Conversation for Peace between Eurasia and Europe." The topics of security and cooperation in Eastern Europe, as well as a system of collaboration between Eurasia and Europe, were discussed throughout the course of the conference.

The conference was attended by Moldova First Lady Margareta Timofti, former Russian Senator Aslambek Aslakhanov, Former Belgian Ambassador Robert Vandemeulebroucke, Ukraine Economic Sciences Academy Doctor Viktor Soldachenko, Ukraine Religious Research Center Professor Oleksandr Sagan, Moscow State University Doctor Sergei Kuchinski, Humanity in Action Netherland Chapter Senior Researcher Azim Ostowar, UPF World President Thomas Walsh, UPF Eurasia President Jin-Hwa Chung, UPF Europe President Yeong-Shik An and others.



“We hope to bring about lasting peace and promote a plan for reconciliation between cultures. UPF was established by Rev. Sun Myung Moon in 2005. Although we are deeply concerned about the conflict in Ukraine and its international political situation, we are opposed to the use of violence. We hold various international conferences, talks and events in order to bring about the influence of peace. What is important for us now is not to remain static, but to move into action,” said President Chung.



“Through the recent general election in Moldova, we solidified our stance as a pro-European nation. Moldova is changing rapidly: we are building new roads, constructing new schools for the restoration of society, establishing health centers and expanding our NGO’s and service organizations. This leadership conference is a great step in helping us to find solutions to the problems faced by our nations through discussions and the sharing of experiences. I’m sure you are all aware of the situation in Ukraine. As a mother, I hope for peace in this region, as well as throughout the world, and I hope that the next



generation can grow up in a peaceful world,” shared First Lady Timofti.

The conference included sessions such as “ The Basis for Cooperation and Security in Eastern Europe, Heading Towards Peace and Security in Eurasia,” “Social and Economic Chances for Peace and Continuous Development,” “ Searching for a New Paradigm of Cooperation, the Role of the Family in Cultural Exchange” and “ A View on the Conversation and Cooperation between Europe and Eurasia, the Citizens’ Society, Media and Youth.”

The Eurasia-Europe Leadership Conference was held in Moscow, Russia in April 2012, in October of the same year at the UN Headquarters in Vienna, Austria and in December, 2013, in Paris, France. As the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, the 14 independent states that were subsequently established (including Russia, Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus) were thrown into a tense state of uncertainty with Europe that could have erupted into conflict at any time, due to the interference of Russia.



The power struggle between Georgia and Russia was unforeseen by both the Western world and Russia, which led to an intervention by the Western world. The recent struggle over land between Russia and Ukraine has become an issue watched by the entire world.

UPF is recognized as a special consultative institution by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It carries out movements for peace in the Middle East, North and South America, Korea and Japan, as well as in Europe and Eurasia, Russia, Switzerland, France and other nations. UPF was first established in New York by Rev. Moon on September 12th, 2005, and is now an international NGO, which currently manages a network of peace ambassadors spanning over 154 nations.

UPF was established with the ideal and philosophy of true love, and connects leaders of political,

religious, academic, press, cultural and athletic fields through soft power. The goal of UPF is the resolution of conflict....

### UPF Leaders' Conference Held in Moldova Segye Ilbo

“We must not resort to violence or war, regardless of the difficulty of our political and economic situation.”

Attended by about 100 Political and Academic Leaders from Russia, Belgium, Ukraine and the Netherlands



마르가레타 티모프티 몰도바 대통령 부인이 '유라시아·유럽 지도자 회의'에서 환영사를 하고 있다.

## “정치·경제 상황 어려워도 폭력·전쟁 안 돼”

### UPF, 몰도바서 지도자 회의

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문선명·민학자 총재가 창설한 천주평화연합(UPF)이 동유럽에서 활발한 평화 행보를 이어갔다.

UPF 측은 5일부터 7일까지 동유럽 몰도바 수도 키시네프(키시너우)에서 '유라시아와 유럽 간 평화를 위한 대화'라는 주제로 유라시아·유럽 지도자 회의를 열고 역내 안보와 평화, 협력 문제를 집중 논의했다고 7일 밝혔다.

이번 회의는 러시아와 조지아 간 세

력분쟁에 서방세계가 개입하고, 러시아와 우크라이나 간 영토분쟁이 국제사회의 비 이슈로 부각되는 상황에서 이뤄져 의미가 컸다. 이 자리에는 마르가레타 티모프티 몰도바공화국 대통령 부인, 아슬람베크 아슬라하노프 전 러시아 상원의원, 로버트 반데플레브 루제 벨기에 외교부 대사, 박터 슐다첸코 우크라이나 경제과학 아카데미 박사, 올렉산드르 시킨 우크라이나 종교연구소 교수, 세르게이 쿠친스키 모스크바 주립대 박사, 야짐 오스투어르 네덜란드 인도주의활동 선임연구원, 토마스 뮐러 UPF 세계회장, 정진호 유라시아 UPF 회장, 안영식 유럽 UPF 회장 등 각계 인사 100여 명이 참석했다.

정 회장은 개회사에서 "분쟁지역의 정치·경제 상황이 아무리 심각해도 폭

력이나 전쟁은 결코 용납될 수 없다"며 "역내 정치·종교 지도자들이 활발한 회의와 대화 등 평화적 영향력 행사에 적극 나서야 한다"고 강조했다.

티모프티 여사는 환영사에서 "몰도바는 지난달 30일 총선을 통해 친유럽 방향을 택했으며, 도로 건설과 사회 복구를 위한 학교 증건, 건강센터 창설, 봉사사업 확대 등 급속한 변화를 가져오고 있다"며 "모든 국민이 평화를 바라며 차세대가 평화 속에 자라기를 희망한다"고 밝혔다.

UPF는 2005년 문·한 총재의 참사란 철학으로 세계의 정치·종교·교육·언론·예술·스포츠 등 각계 지도자간 인적 네트워크를 구축해 지구촌 분쟁 해결에 앞장서 왔으며, 유엔 경제이사회 특별지문기관 지위를 획득한 바 있다.