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Inaugural World Assembly Declaration

Centering on the vision of its Founders, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Universal Peace Federation convened on February 1-5, 2017, 700 leaders from over 120 nations gathered in Seoul, Korea as part of the World Summit 2017 dedicated to building a world of lasting peace, guided by universal principles. Among the participants were both current and former heads of state and government, as well as over 300 current members of parliament. In February 2016, UPF launched the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) at the National Assembly in Seoul, Korea and subsequently convened IAPP programs throughout the world. On February 4, 2017 the Inaugural World Assembly of IAPP was convened as part of the World Summit 2017.

We, the participants in World Summit 2017,

Recognizing that it is time for humanity to embrace universally shared values, to pursue a path of mutual cooperation leading to mutual prosperity, and

Acknowledging that government officials, and especially parliamentarians, as representatives of the people, have a very significant role to play in contributing to peace and human development,

Hereby affirm and resolve to uphold the following principles and objectives:

Promoting practices of good governance, including transparency, accountability, collegiality, and public service

Working for the common good of all people, going beyond barriers of nationality, culture, ethnicity, race, gender, religion, and political ideology

Seeking solutions to the critical challenges of our time, including territorial disputes, religious and racial conflict, environmental degradation, climate change, violent extremism, poverty, hunger, nuclear proliferation and corruption

Living for the sake of others, and for the sake of future generations

Building a world of lasting peace, a world in which all people live as members of one universal family, or as one family under God.

Addressing these critical challenges of our time:

Resolving conflicts, from the Middle East to Northeast Asia, including the Korean Peninsula

Protecting and preserving the environment from the devastating impact of climate change

Strengthening the family as the fundamental unit of stable societies

Overcoming various forms of religious, ethnic and racial conflict

Improving education systems and methods for our youth

We the undersigned affirm and declare on this day our resolve to work toward solutions to critical global problems in order to build a world of universal and lasting peace.

Signed this day, February 4, 2017, in Seoul Korea

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