



UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR PEACE

A Proposal

Since its inception, the Universal Peace Federation has worked closely with parliamentarians from around the world to build a world of lasting peace, based on universal principles.

The founders of the Universal Peace Federation, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, launched the global “Parliamentarians for Peace” initiative in 2001 centered on the Ambassadors for Peace. This initiative was also a point of focus of the 2005 Universal Peace Federation Inaugural Tour to 120 nations, and has brought together many parliamentarians from around the world through diverse programs aimed at contributing to the realization of lasting peace.

These programs include UPF Asia’s “Parliamentarians for Peace” seminars, featuring parliamentarians from Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka and other nations; UPF Africa’s “Parliamentarians for Peace” programs in 2007, featuring parliamentarians from Nigeria and Sierra Leone; UPF Nepal’s establishment of a “Parliamentarians Peace Council” in 2014; and UPF Oceania’s “Parliamentarians for Peace” conferences that involved parliamentarians from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Island nations. These programs have brought together parliamentarians from around the world, forming an international network of men and women who are committed to solving the critical challenges of our time and realizing a world of lasting peace.

On February 15, 2016 at the National Assembly in Seoul, Korea, 150 current parliamentarians, from more than 40 nations, gathered to propose the launch of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace.

As we know, our world faces a wide range of problems, including territorial disputes, religious and racial conflict, environmental degradation, climate change, violent extremism, poverty, hunger, nuclear proliferation and corruption. Each of these are serious threats to human development and to the realization of peace in our world.

It is time for humanity to embrace universally shared values, going beyond differences of ideology, race, nationality, and religion, and pursuing a path of mutual cooperation and mutual prosperity. In this way it is possible to build a world of lasting and sustainable peace that can be bequeathed to future generations.

Parliamentarians, as representatives of the people, have a very significant role to play in contributing to peace and human development. For this reason, we propose the formation of a world-level association of parliamentarians, as a forum through which we can work together for peace and human development: *International Association of Parliamentarians Peace*.

SIGNED ON THIS 8th SEPTEMBER, 2016, UK PARLIAMENT, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

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