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Peace Message – Motorcycle Tour at the encounter of Blue Helmets and Citizens

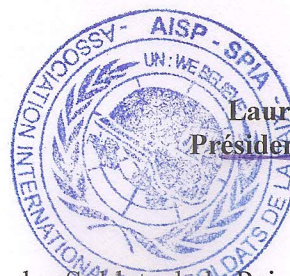
70 years ago, the Security Council of the United Nations created the first peace keeping operation. Since that moment, 71 peace keeping operations have been mandated, regrouping almost one billion member of the United Nations, militaries, police officers, civilians, from more than 120 different nationalities. They all share the same goal: protecting populations, saving lives and contributing in the building of a durable peace.

More than 110,000 Blue Helmets are currently deployed around the world, each one of them being ready to sacrifice his/her life for the service of the international community. Tragically, more than 3,600 of them passed away while fighting for peace. Their sacrifice is the purest proof of their commitment affirmed by the preamble of the UN Charter according to which, *“We, people of the United Nations, decided to preserve future generations from the scourge of war which resulted in unspeakable pain two times in a lifetime”*. This anniversary therefore is the occasion to celebrate, but also to honor the memory of our comrades. These heroes have and still are to this day risking their lives.

This anniversary, more than the commitment for peace keeping operations and international security, endorses decades of joint actions from of the international community for the common good. It also stands for the necessary universality yet far from being acquired in a world that is more and more globalized. Peace and international security are values which have to be proudly defended, towards international actors as civilians and individuals.

Here is the main goal of the United Nations which, as Kant's *perpetual peace*, makes peace an ideal regulator towards which all of us should tend. We cannot deny that the state of nature is a state of war and not a peaceful one. The actor, whoever it is, is by nature belligerent. However, this is through the social contract for the individuals and the international relations for the state actors that these negative interactions can be annihilated and supplanted.

This is, therefore, all the objectives of this motorcycle tour for peace organized by our N.G.O., the Soldiers of Peace International Association (SPIA/AISP). Materialized by the messenger, Mr. Daniel Crepet, accompanied by Nicolas Chesney, two former blue helmets, but also accompanied by his wife, Andrée Crepet, the ideal of peace is transmitted from city to city, country to country, to the Fervent Defender are honored. As Emmanuel Kant said *“if our end in what concerns its realization, still remain a Pious Wish, we are certainly not wrong by admitting the maxim to work for it without any rest, as it is a duty”*.



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