

Youth meeting
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Accepting our differences for a better way of living together

Say, show and act or how to welcome an aesthetic thought of Peace, this could be our mission.

Our presence with you today in New York is a strong symbol to express our wish of a peace based on a new, peaceful and nuclear weapons free balance.

Our presence, by weight of number and the strength of our commitments, shows our will to create a different global cohesion, more respectful of humanity.

The presence of all of us allows us to hear the message of young people, who are essential as a relay in the path towards peace. They bring to the subject this necessary part of dream and their need of idealistic actions.

Tristan is here in the name of the whole youth.

Student, fond of sailing, manager-skipper during the last student yachting world cup, Tristan, under the colors of the AFCD RP, wanted to promote in this competition the ideal of a culture of peace shared by everyone.

And now I yield the floor to Tristan.

Thank you Mayor Mourier.

My name is Tristan, I am 22 years old, I live in France. I am happy to live in France, a beautiful country, but a country which owns nuclear weapons.

I am aware of the ambiguity for the atomic weapon to be a dissuasion force, ensuring peace, and at the same time, a proliferating weapon being a major danger for humanity.

We have been through two world wars along the past century and we all discovered in 1945 the devastating effects of the atomic bomb. I have learned it at school. My elders taught me. I am lucky I have not known any conflict and I have had few privations.

But I am a young citizen of the world, worried about the gap between what leaders say and what they decide for their countries.

Today, we live in is an individualistic society which offers many opportunities and at the same time leaves you helpless. This world is excessively given media coverage

and shows many types of loneliness.

We need to unify and to militate for our values. We have to give ourselves the means to live with serenity.

Threat, whatever shape it shall take, is not a solution. Discussion can make things move on. Conflict is a brake.

Our world relies on competition, and nuclear competition is no exception. It is urgent to redefine the notion of competition itself: it shall not be a competition aiming at being the best at all costs, but a competition showing the best in you.

It is the competition of values which promotes what each of us can bring to humanity. There are differences between human beings, for they have different histories and different cultures. However, there also are similarities, what we all have in common and differences fade.

In this globalized environment, the issue is to lead the individual to open-mindedness, respect and tolerance.

Thus, it is important to move forward a progressive acceptance of our differences, an action serving local peace aiming at unifying rather than dividing.

In that goal, along with the young people worldwide, I would like us to write together the Charter of acceptance of our differences, a text of values to share, declaring war on any kind of conflict, and to hush for good the nuclear weapon as a power struggle between the Peoples.

Thank you.

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