

*Because the year 2000 must be a new beginning, an opportunity to transform - all together - the culture of war and violence into a culture of peace and non-violence*

*Because this transformation demands the participation of each and every one of us, and must offer young people and future generations the values that can inspire them to shape a world based on justice, solidarity, liberty, dignity, harmony and prosperity for all*

*Because the culture of peace can underpin sustainable development, environmental protection and the well-being of each person*

*Because I am aware of my share of responsibility for the future of humanity, in particular to the children of today and tomorrow*

*I pledge in my daily life, in my family, my work, my community, my country and my region, to:*

***Respect all life***

*Respect the life and dignity of each human being without discrimination or prejudice;*

***Reject violence***

*Practise active non-violence, rejecting violence in all its forms: physical, sexual, psychological, economical and social, in particular towards the most deprived and vulnerable such as children and adolescents;*

***Share with others***

*Share my time and material resources in a spirit of generosity to put an end to exclusion, injustice and political and economic oppression;*

***Listen to understand***

*Defend freedom of expression and cultural diversity, giving preference always to dialogue and listening without engaging in fanaticism, defamation and the rejection of others;*

***Preserve the planet***

*Promote consumer behaviour that is responsible and development practices that respect all forms of life and preserve the balance of nature on the planet;*

***Rediscover solidarity***

*Contribute to the development of my community, with the full participation of women and respect for democratic principles, in order to create together new forms of solidarity.*

**Source:** Manifesto 2000 for a Culture of Peace and Non Violence:

[www3.unesco.org/iycp/uk/uk\\_sum\\_manifesto2000.htm](http://www3.unesco.org/iycp/uk/uk_sum_manifesto2000.htm)