

# SRI SWAMI MADHAVANANDA WORLD PEACE COUNCIL

## RESOLUTION of the WORLD PEACE SUMMIT The Message of Swami Madhavananda and Mahatma Gandhi 13-15 October, 2006 - Ljubljana, Slovenia

*This part of the world has been witness to enormous violence and conflicts and yet it has transformed to become a region of peace and prosperity where all can live in mutual respect and harmony.  
On this occasion we salute the people of Slovenia.*

**We, the undersigned gathered here for the World Peace Summit honouring the lives and principles of His Holiness Swami Madhavanandaji and Mahatma Gandhi of universal love and Ahimsa (non-violence) affirm and declare our commitment to the Charter of the United Nations.**

Today we stand at a decisive juncture in the Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future, the aim of this Summit has been to awaken the consciousness of people to the most significant issues that challenge our world - **World Peace, Protection & Preservation of the Environment, Health and Youth.** To this end we endorse and support the **UN Millennium Development Goals.**

**WORLD PEACE:** We have gathered here as one global family, and have a responsibility to be the trustees of our planet and to cherish our mother Earth.

As international terrorism and violence are a serious threat to humans, we call upon our leaders to cooperate and contribute to eradicate the root causes of terrorism and violence. Consciousness and mutual respect are essential values for peace and harmony.

We condemn all violence in the name of religion, and ask our religious leaders to disavow religion being used for creating conflicts and dividing our community.

**PROTECTION & PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT:** To raise awareness in all people that each of us is responsible for the survival of Life on our planet, and to examine our attitudes as producers and consumers as well. Technical innovations should observe ecological balance and the preservation of our environment.

Scientists have identified global climate change as one of the greatest threats to the planet. We call upon governments to halt global warming by following the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change and setting a sufficiently tight limit on carbon emissions in order to reduce their country's carbon dioxide emissions by 20% by 2010.

**HEALTH:** Primary health-care is the right of every individual. Recently it has been researched that alternative therapies and techniques have substantially enhanced the quality of our lives.

We support affirmative action to further the physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being of individuals and the community, and call upon all governments to ensure that primary health-care is a right of every citizen.

**YOUTH:** We emphasize that education is a fundamental tool of self-empowerment. It is a right of every child to be provided adequate education and have the freedom to choose one's faith. Education must equip our youth with the necessary tools to confront the challenges we face as a human community.

We call upon all institutions of education to ensure that special school programmes and curricula shall be developed and designed which teach us to respect cultural and religious diversities, and promote spirituality, ethics, moral principles, tolerance and understanding.

We call upon younger generations to create peace-teams and volunteer groups to support and implement the UN Millennium Development Goals.

**UN MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS:** Recognizing these as pre-requisites, negotiated and agreed by the governments of the world as a basic minimum for human survival.

Specifically we support "The One Campaign" and join our hands with the people across the world on Oct. 15, to fight against poverty.

We commit and call upon all institutions to eliminate gender disparities.

We will seek to forge partnerships to achieve these goals.

**2006 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Satyagraha launched by Mahatma Gandhi in South Africa.  
We pay homage to and re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals and legacies of  
His Holiness Swami Madhavanandaji and Mahatma Gandhiji.**