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Programme:

09:00 am **Opening of registration check-in for participants**
(Entrance through the UN Visitors Lobby)

10:00 -11:15 am **Opening session** (General Assembly Plenary Hall)

H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the General Assembly
H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
H.E. Mr. Federico Mayor, President, Foundation Culture of Peace
Ms. Cora Weiss, President, The Hague Appeal for Peace

Musical Interlude: Flute played by Eileen Ain

Brief interventions by the Missions to UN supporting the Forum

11:15 -11:30 **Transfer from the GA Hall to NLB Conference Room 2**

11:30 am -1:00 pm First Panel (NLB – Conference Room 2)

“The Culture of Peace at the core of humanity’s agenda: New partnerships, new developments”

Moderator: Ambassador Paulette Bethel,
Permanent Representative of the Bahamas to UN

Panelists: Ms. Judy Cheng-Hopkins, Assistant Secretary-General, UN-PBSO
Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General, UN Women
Mr. Philippe Kridelka, Director, UNESCO New York Office
Mr. Mario Lubetkin, Director General, Inter Press Service
Ms. Christine Mangale, Programme Coordinator for Africa,
Lutheran Office for World Community
Mr. Philip Hellmich, Director for the 2012 Summer of Peace,
The Shift Network

1:00 -3:00 pm Break

3:00 - 4:30 pm Second Panel (NLB – Conference Room 2)

“Strengthening the global movement, advancing the implementation of the UN Programme of Action on Culture of Peace: the way forward”

Moderator: Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Senior Special Advisor to the
President of the UN General Assembly and former Under-Secretary-
General of the United Nations

Panelists: Ms. Avon Mattison, President, Pathways to Peace
Ms. Kathleen Kuehnast, Director, Gender and Peacebuilding Center,
United States Institute of Peace
Ms. Cherine Badawi, Coordinator, Generation Waking Up
Mr. Jeff Abramson, Director, Control Arms Campaign Secretariat
Ms. Maria Butler, Peacewomen Project Director, Women’s
International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)
Ms. Sharon Deep, Spokesperson, Global Movement for the Culture
of Peace

4:30-5:30 pm Concluding session (NLB – Conference Room 2)

H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the UN
H.E. Mr. Federico Mayor, President, Foundation Culture of Peace
H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the General Assembly

Context:

The United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/243 on the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, establishing the principles and foundations of the Culture of Peace, was adopted by consensus on 13 September 1999. Since then, the General Assembly through its subsequent annual substantive resolutions has highlighted the priority it attaches to the full and effective implementation of this visionary decision which is universally applicable. In addition, the Assembly proclaimed the year 2000 as the “International Year for the Culture of Peace” (52/15) and declared the period 2001 to 2010 as the “International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World” (53/25).

Recognising the need for an additional boost to the global movement to promote the Culture of Peace, as envisaged by the United Nations, particularly in the current global context, this day-long, first-ever General Assembly High Level Forum is intended to be an open public opportunity for the UN member states, UN system entities, civil society including NGOs, media, private sector and all others interested to have an exchange of ideas and suggestions on the ways to build and promote the Culture of Peace. A special focus obviously will be on the implementation of the 1999 Programme of Action on Culture of Peace as well as for the further strengthening of the global movement that has been emerging, following the observance of the International Decade.

Relevant documentation:

- UN General Assembly: *Declaration and Programme of Action for a Culture Peace*. A/RES/53/243. New York, 13 September 1999
- UN General Assembly Resolutions: A/RES/51/101, A/RES/52/13, A/RES/52/15, A/RES/53/25, A/RES/55/377, A/RES/55/282, A/RES/56/5, A/RES/57/6, A/RES/58/11, A/RES/59/143, A/RES/60/3, A/RES/61/45, A/RES/62/89, A/RES/63/113, A/RES/64/80, A/RES/65/11 and A/66/116.
- Foundation Culture of Peace: *Good Practices on Culture of Peace*. Barcelona, February 2007
- Foundation Culture of Peace: *World Report on the Culture of Peace 2010. Final Civil Society Report on the United Nations International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)*. Barcelona, September 2010
- Foundation Culture of Peace: *The development of Culture of Peace and Non-Violence (1988-2010). Report by Federico Mayor at the end of the United Nations International Decade on Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)*. Barcelona, May 2011
