

## **In support of the projected Horio symposium for a World Charter for peace.**

Dear colleagues and participants,

The Japanese *Renunciation of War and Arms* initiative in 1947 had been the most sensible, humane and civilized decision to denounce the horror and futility of wars; we wish all peoples of the world, especially governments, were able to reach such a conclusion and adopt such a philosophy.

Human beings find it difficult to live in peace in a world driven by instincts and thirst for power and wealth. However, there could be no real survival with destructive conflicts all over the world causing death and misery. In principle, education should be able to sensitize individuals, including political decision makers, to the destructive outcomes of armed conflicts. Education's role is to teach younger generations to stand up for peace and justice; this cannot be possible without effective educational systems and without pedagogies that help the young develop their thinking skills as well as their psycho-social know-how.

We, educators in Morocco, believe in the utility and value of peace education. We stand for an education that inculcates values of respect, open-mindedness and understanding.

This is the reason why we have much respect for this peace initiative and affirm our unconditional commitment to it; we wish you all the success that you deserve.

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