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THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS HIGH LEVEL FORUM ON THE CULTURE OF PEACE WILL BE CONVENED BY H.E. MR. VUK JEREMIĆ, PRESIDENT OF THE UN-GA ON FRIDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2013.

President of the United Nations General Assembly (UN-PGA) and Global Movement for the Culture of Peace (GMCoP) will jointly present the **Second UN High Level Forum on The Culture of Peace** (HLF/CoP) as a daylong program to be held at the United Nations – NY Headquarters/Trusteeship Council Chamber on Friday 6 September 2013 from 9:30a.m. to 6:00p.m.

Convened by the President of the 67th General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, the HLF/CoP will have an opening ceremony at the UN where the President and Deputy Secretary-General will speak. Afterwards, three panel discussions will follow: **"The role of interfaith cooperation in promoting a global Culture of Peace"** in the morning session, **"The Culture of Peace as the agenda for a new global civilization: Where are we now?"** and **"Strategies for advancing implementation of the UN Programme of Action on Culture of Peace: What we need."** in the afternoon session.

Special focus of the **High Level Forum** will be on the implementation of the UN Programme of Action on Culture of Peace adopted by the UN General Assembly 13 September 1999. (A/RES/53/243). The role of religious and interfaith cooperation in promoting a global Culture of Peace will also be one of the important areas to be dwelled on in this year's Forum.

The **Eight Program of Action Areas of the Culture of Peace** (A/RES/53/243 Section B) will be put on the table in each panel. They include: education; sustainable economic and social development; human rights; equality; democratic participation; understanding, tolerance and solidarity; communication and the free flow of information and knowledge; international peace and security. These issues will be presented by the member states, UN officials, experts, inter-governmental, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society, youth, academicians, and religious leaders.

This UN-GA High Level Forum is intended to be an open opportunity for the UN member states, UN system entities, and civil society—including NGOs, media and private sector in discussing the ways and means to promote the Culture of Peace.

Draft programme of the High Level Forum will be put on the website of the President of the General Assembly in due course.

Online Registration Form is available on the website of GMCoP to all interested parties, which will be closed by **Tuesday, September 3, 2013**. All must register, including UN cardholders.

Register here: <http://www.gmcop.org/creating-together/registration-2/>

The High Level Forum on The Culture of Peace will also be live webcast at: <http://webtv.un.org> (Please note that it is *not* necessary to register to view the webcast.)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON A CULTURE OF PEACE (A/RES/53/243 - Page 5)

1. The Programme of Action should serve as the basis for the International Year for the Culture of Peace and the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World.

2. Member States are encouraged to take actions for promoting a culture of peace at the national level as well as at the regional and international levels.

3. Civil society should be involved at the local, regional and national levels to widen the scope of activities on a culture of peace.

4. The United Nations system should strengthen its ongoing efforts to promote a culture of peace.

5. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization should continue to play its important role in and make major contributions to the promotion of a culture of peace.

6. Partnerships between and among the various actors as set out in the Declaration should be encouraged and strengthened for a global movement for a culture of peace.

7. A culture of peace could be promoted through sharing of information among actors on their initiatives in this regard.

8. Effective implementation of the Programme of Action requires mobilization of resources, including financial resources, by interested Governments, organizations and individuals.

http://www3.unesco.org/iycp/kits/uk_res_243.pdf

GLOBAL MOVEMENT FOR CULTURE OF PEACE

Global Movement for the Culture of Peace (GMCoP) is a global network of peace organizations focused at the United Nations Headquarters in NY.

“GMCoP is a civil society initiative advocating and networking to build and promote the Culture of Peace at the global, regional, national as well as the societal, communal and individual levels through the full and effective implementation of the United Nations Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace (A/RES/53/243) unanimously adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999. For this, our inspiration and determination is founded on the shared reality that we are one interdependent human family belonging to Planet Earth.”<http://www.gmcop.org>