In Memoriam

Ngodup Gyatso

Born in Tibet, Ngodup Gyatso walked to Sikkim with his father at an early age. There he spent over one year in hospital for a virtually incurable illness. He did however recover and was selected to attend the Dögar Tsogpa performing arts school. in Dharamsala. He later moved to New Delhi and became the driver of His Eminence the Most Venerable Guru Deva, after serving Domo Geshe Rinpoche before he moved to the United States of America.

After years in India, Ngodup Gyatso moved to Hong Kong where he met with Diana - his Indonesian wife. Together they moved to Borobudur where, with the support of Lama Gangchen and several sponsors, they built the Himalaya guesthouse which was inaugurated by Lama Gangchen and the young reincarnation of Domo Geshe Rinpoche in 2014. Ngodup Gyatso did hundreds of khoras at Borobudur stupa and made daily offerings. He passed away in Hong Kong in the summer of 2015. He will be sadly missed by us all.

Borobudur... ...Albagnano

"Borobudur" Peace Culture Project in Albagnano, Italy

Lama Gangchen's vision and wish

Since 1981, when Lama Gangchen first arrived in the West, he has searched for the best way to bring the profound wisdom of his tradition into the busy life of modern Western society. During his frequent annual visits to Borobudur since 1989, He was inspired to create the NgalSo Tantric Self-Healing practice based on the ancient tradition of the Five Dhyani Buddhas, the essence of the Vajrayana Buddhist practice.

In 1999, He brought a re-sculptured set of the five Dhyani Buddhas from Borobudur to Albagnano.

Over the following years several sets were brought to Italy: one set was placed in Premeno and several full-sized single Dhyani Buddhas were purchased by disciples and placed in their grounds.

In 2006, one small set and one full sized Akshobya were placed on the land of Isthar D.-Adler (United Nations Representative of the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation) in Albagnano, to protect her family's new home.

Prayers and offering ceremonies performed in holy places endowed with powerful spiritual energy serve to call upon the holy beings to develop peace and global friendship in this world, for a healthy and prosperous environment, for the happiness and joy of all living beings, and for the development of inner peace in everyone's heart.

Objective

The ancient 8th century Borobudur stupa, a living testimony of Mahayana and Vajrayana Buddhist practice, is the main inspiration for the creation of the Borobudur project in Albagnano, to bring this ancient wisdom into modern society.

The Structure

On the ground floor the "Temple of Heaven on Earth" houses a number of statues carved in volcanic stone by a Javanese artist, which are exact replicas of those found on the original stupa in Java; five of which represent the Dhyani Buddhas, the 5 Supreme Healers: Amogasiddhi (against fear), Ratnasambhava (for giving love and protection), Akhobya (for stability), Amithaba (meditation) and Vairochana (pacifying power). The statues symbolize the ancient tradition and represent the powerful NgalSo Tantric healing tradition taught by Lama Gangchen.

Along the path leading from the main building to the temple, exact replicas of the original Borobudur bas-reliefs of the Lalitavistara panels, commissioned in Java, were inaugurated in 2014. Presently, we have also commissioned the sculptors in Borobudur to make the panels of the Gandavyuha to be placed in Albagnano.

Setting

The "Borobudur" structure is a part of the Albagnano Healing Meditation Centre, situated in Northern Italy close to Switzerland and the main Milan airport of Malpensa. The centre offers NgalSo Self-Healing meditation, peace education and therapies for mind and body under the spiritual guidance of Lama Gangchen. A new approach to better living: integrating the revitalization of villages and recovery of alpine cultures, in support of UNESCO's culture preservation campaign and focusing upon the development of Western Buddhism, non-formal education for a culture of peace and exchanges between Eastern and Western medical traditions.

In ancient times ideal conditions were carefully researched to locate the most conducive environment for spiritual practice and development; the small scenic village of Albagnano has been discovered to have many such ideal conditions. It is surrounded by pine and chestnut woodlands, with two rivers flowing from five surrounding mountains: it nestles some 600 metres above sea level, between the nature reserve of "Sacro Monte della Santissima Trinità" and the "Val Grande" mountain range (which comprise the largest nature reserves in Europe), overlooking the panoramic views of lake Maggiore.

The Future of the project is therefore to complete the construction and develop the structure into the Borobudur Peace Culture Museum and Wisdom Planetarium for the Third Millennium.

In the words of Professor Pandit Lokesh Chandra

Venerable T.Y.S. Lama Gangchen renews the spiritual journey of humankind in bringing to its consciousness the silent hymn of the Borobudur where the arid heart of man has ever found peace and immeasurable love in "Let Buddha be my refuge".

Master Gangchen reincarnates Gunadharma, a poet, thinker and architect who retired in the mountains of Menorah, his heart rapturous in the hope of creating adoration along unending time. Gunadharma meditated long, ransacked the texts, and conceived the Borobudur as we know it today.

Tradition has it that he is integrated into the mountain range of Menorah where we can see the silhouette of his chin, mouth and nose. Lama Gangchen as the contemporary incarnation of Gunadharma has taken up the rejuvenation of Borobudur, which is a veritable Sumeru in its stepped pyramidal mountain structure. The 20 bas-reliefs sculpted on the visible exterior of walls are the symbolisation of open space or the sky, which is the supreme Brahman in the Upanisads. The Bodhicaryavatara 1.19 also compares the sky with the highest state, whence is the incessant flow of punya. Lama Gangchen leads the devout into this punya-sambhara and accumulated merit is transferred from all to all.

Venerable Lama Gangchen has reproduced the life of Lord Buddha as depicted on 120 reliefs of wall Ia of the Borobudur according to the Lalitavistara. These reliefs are symbols for spiritual realisation. The biological phenomena of the root pas 'to see' and the metaphysical root drs 'to envision' (darsana 'philosophy') are complimentary to meditational ascent.

These depictions of life are for living meditation. The Abhidharma-kosha says:

"The threefold world is only mind".

The Lalitavistara is a vaipulya text like the Gandavyuha, both depicted on the Borobudur. The vaipulya texts are an ascension to attain the Supreme. The narration of the life of Lord Buddha is our journey from the realm of form to the realm of the sublime. It is to induce meditation, to transmute the lesser states of consciousness into higher states. These reliefs are a transfiguration into the majesty of the divine.

Gunadharma the visualiser of the Borobudur was a genius, both in the marvelous sweep of several sutras and in the grandeur of form. Venerable Lama Gangchen recreates this symmetry of the profound and the graceful, in the immersion of life and meditation. The great Atisha studied in Indonesia and journeyed to Tibet to spread the Dharma. Venerable Master Gangchen of Tibet renews this majestic heritage in Indonesia in the charm of reliefs integrating wisdom and compassion within us, in the infinite of seeking. Under every deep, a more profound deep opens. Guru Gangchen is the kindly light to lead us from the world of time and space of these reliefs of the Lalitavistara, along the spiritual path to the subtler spheres of cosmic visualisation.

Lokesh Chandra

Professor Pandit Dr Lokesh Chandra

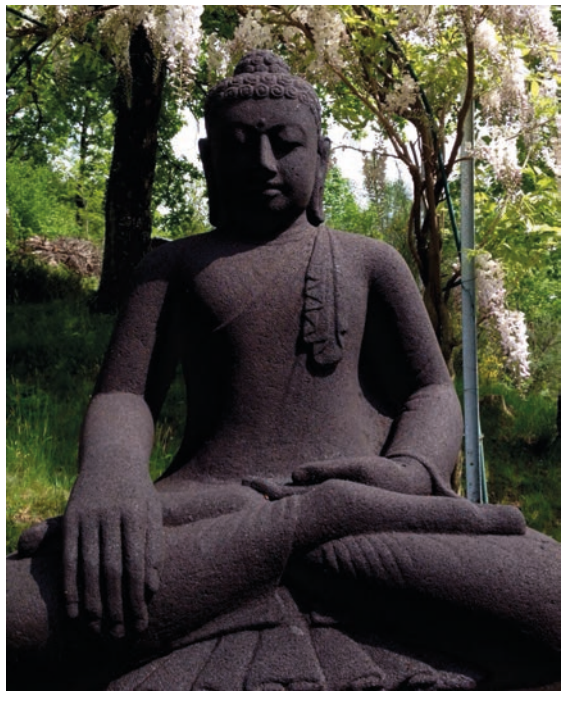
Use of Bionanotechnology to preserve the Albagnano "Borobudur" patrimony

In Albagnano, we have cleaned as well as protected all our statues and stone works with a new technology known as "Bionanotechnology", under the expert supervision of Mr Marcel Beers and Ms Shirley de Ruiter from the Netherlands, together with Dr Roy Watkins from England.

By means of Bionanotechnology, materials can be made water and dirt repellent and UV proof for a period of up to ten years. Moreover, during these ten years Bionanotechnology will protect the treated materials against algae, mosses, and most importantly, corrosion from volcanic ash.

Lama Gangchen Rinpoche requested to have the grounds and buildings of Albagnano Healing and Meditation Centre protected with Bionanotechnology. All the Buddha statues, walls, panels and roofs had been adversely affected by algae, fungi and mosses adhering to stones. This was causing these stones to crumble layer by layer, so that eventually over time more and more of the drawings and inscriptions would be lost.

After application of the product dirt, algae, fungi and mosses can no longer adhere to the surface, so that the images, fountains, walls and roofs are protected for up to ten years. Water has an effect on stone as well, it causes it to become porous. Subsequently algae, fungi and mosses can grow inside the stones, which causes the stones to crumble. By means of Bionanotechnology stone can be made water-repellent so that it stays dry in the rain.



The results are undeniably astonishing and Lama Gangchen reckons that, the application of this new and useful technique could be most helpful in the preservation of many ancient monuments around the world, as indeed the invaluable UNESCO world heritage site of Borobudur.

Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation members Claudio Cipullo, Sheila Watkins with Roy Watkins helping to clean the Borobudur monument following the 2014 Mount Kelud volcano eruption.

Healthy living through wholesome nutrition

Bebel Franco proposes several courses in the art of nutrition in harmony with natural live food

Live food is a method for preparing meals to maintain good health without neglecting good taste and pleasure. During courses, some recipes are explained and prepared to give a practical demonstration of the basic concepts of this kind of nutrition. We learn to prepare green juice made with wheat grass and green leaves, with detoxifying, antioxidant and synergic properties; almond milk; cheese made with dried fruits; and Essenic bread, which is rich in active enzymes. Bebel Franco earned the "certificate of participation" of the course "Physiological Bases of Natural Therapies and Live Food" given by Prof. Alberto P. Gonzalez-Phd of the Universita Estacio de Sa (RJ):

Nectars of the earth by Prof. Alberto P. Gonzalez

"Nectars of the earth are the central point of live food, with synergetic, probiotic, nutraceutic, phytotherapeutic and nutritional characteristics. A 350ml. glass of earth nectar fulfills caloric and protein needs for a period of three hours. The nectar can also contain traces of vegetable fats, depending on the type of seed used in its preparation. The nectar should be taken every day before eating anything else.
The nectar is composed of structured water. Not even a drop of mineral water is added. All its water content comes from the structure of the ingredients. It is pure biological, colloidal water. It is the water of life.
It is rich in active enzymes and alkaline agents. It affects the gastrointestinal tract by continuously repairing the mucous membranes and reducing gastric acids. As it vehicles raw, live vegetable microfibers, it is an excellent regulator of the intestinal rhythm.
When it is prepared well, it is a delicious drink. It is the right drink to begin the practice of live food."

Green Juice according to the creation of Oficina da Semente

1 cucumber or 1 zucchini
1 apple (cut in half to make sure there is no mold inside)
1 carrot
Vegetables with large green leaves
1 handful of wheat grass
a drop of extra virgin olive oil

Preparation
First blend the ingredients that supply water: cucumber/zucchina and apple. Then pour the mixture onto a cloth strainer spread over a large basin. Squeeze all the liquid out of the cloth into the basin. Blend the carrot and leaves, and lastly the wheat grass. Pour this mixture into the basin through the cloth strainer and squeeze all the liquid out of the cloth.
Add a drop of extra-virgin olive oil, for lipo-soluble vitamins absorption, and drink immediately.

"Shimbu" Organic Pralines
(sugar free - gluten free - dairy free and all raw ingredients)

COCOA BLOSSOMS - almond, raisins, cocoa and vanilla
cocoa, the divine elixir of the Aztec empire, celebrates its energetic value in Cocoa Blossoms, which combine its stimulating powers with the sweetness of raisin and the softness of almond.

SHERAZADE - date, coconut, orange water, cloves
In the land of one thousand and one nights the perfume of spices mingled with the mystery of the warm date palms, contrasting the strength of the coconut and the delicacy of orange water.

ROSE OF THE ORIENT - almonds, raisins, rose water, cardamom
Rose water combines with exotic cardamom, creating a welcoming atmosphere that soothes the palate and relaxes the spirit.

Ingredients used

ALMOND - almonds are rich in vitamin E and magnesium. Besides being antioxidant they are a source of monounsaturated beneficial to cardio/circulatory function.

RAISIN - raisins are a rich source of calcium which contributes to the strengthening of teeth and bones. Also a source of iron and copper combatting anaemia. Antioxidants protect from free radicals. They contain oleanolic acid, a powerful anti-inflammatory giving protection from tooth decay. Their fibre helps our digestion. The presence of potassium and magnesium reduces acidity and eliminates toxins from the body.

COCOA - cocoa is a stimulant, antioxidant and anti-inflammatory. It increases serotonin levels and endorphins known as hormones of passion that promote a feeling of relaxation and wellbeing. Its consumption reinforces the immune system and improves mental activity. Containing multivitamins it also has unsaturated fats which protect the arteries and promote the health of the heart.

DATES - dates are anti-inflammatory, energizing and up-taking of mineral salts; they are thus indicated for sports people, children and those with active lifestyle. In general they are even richer in potassium than bananas and for this reason help to balance the liquid level in the organism and also contribute to maintaining a healthy cardiovascular system; the presence of phosphorus assists brain function.

COCONUT - coconut being potassium rich is an optimum restorative food for reintegrating mineral salts in case of need; the ample presence of vitamins B and C makes it useful in the treatment of general weakness and nervous conditions. It also assists in eliminating toxins in the digestive system.

VANILLA - vanilla is a stimulant and antiseptic and well noted also for its anti depressive and aphrodisiac properties thanks to the presence of substances of benefit to the central nervous system.

CARDAMOM - cardamom is a powerful anti-inflammatory and antioxidant.

CLOVE - clove is antiseptic, anti-inflammatory and helpful for digestion.

Lama Gangchen United Peace Voices

Since 1996

To spread inner and world peace through music

Beyond religious principles, the Association upholds a strong social commitment. In particular, the Association dedicates all of its own compositions to a high ideal strictly linked to the teachings of Tibetan Buddhism: inner and world peace. Lama Gangchen Rinpoche founded the association and encouraged the start-up of this project.

Projects and Objectives

This project is dedicated to spreading spirituality around the world through music and to preserving the Himalayan culture. The principle motivation for the creation of the Association was to make the meditative practices of NgalSo Tantric Self-Healing, taught by Lama Gangchen Rinpoche, easily accessible to everyone.

The Association of voluntary singers is composed of mainly female voices, Tibetan lamas and monks, who dedicate their compositions to themes, ideals and teachings of Tibetan Buddhist philosophy. The project was launched in 1996, within the religious and artistic setting of the Italian Buddhist centre Kunpen Lama Gangchen, a spiritual structure dedicated to the study, research and development of inner peace and world peace - a founding member of the Italian Buddhist Union.

During a meeting with Lama Gangchen and a few members of the group, it was Allen Ginsberg, the most important poet of the Beat Generation and author of 'Howl' who encouraged the formation of the musical group that shortly after self-produced a CD that was distributed worldwide. The United Peace Voices have performed in Europe, America, Brazil, China, Argentina, Nepal and India. In 2003, Irma Records, who made their music known worldwide, discovered them.

NgalSo healing music

NgalSo Healing Music is a peace project that Lama Gangchen United Peace Voices Association is developing through the production of audio-visual materials. This work is dedicated to promoting physical and mental wellbeing by using music, mantra, sound and guided meditations to develop a profound sense of inner peace. Lama Gangchen says in one of his slogans that: "inner peace is the most solid foundation for world peace", and the Association is dedicated to the spreading of healing music throughout the world to develop peace for the benefit of all humanity. NgalSo is the Tibetan word used for mental and physical relaxation, while mantra literally means "mind protection" in Sanskrit.

Live concerts:

1996 June 21 - Shide - Teatro Metastasio - Assisi
1996 June 9 - Spiritual paths in music- Cascina Monlué - Milano
1996 August 1 - Chanting Stones - Cisternino (BA)
1997 March/April - "Trance Mantra" circolo culturale ARCI Rive del Reno - Bologna
1997 May 24 - Peace Concert with the famed guitarist Lee Weissman - Madrid - Spain
1997 June - International Festival for Peace with the Cham dances of Tibetan monks - Salerno
1997 June 6 - Cinema teatro Lux - Poretta Terme (BO)
1998 Febuary 2 - "Un arcobaleno di suoni per la pace" produced by Marco Columbro - Busto Arsizio (VA)
1998 6 July - Street Festival - Zurich (CH)
1998 July 26 - Teatro Ridotto - Bologna
1998 July 27 - Rassegna Mundus - Carpi (MO)
1998 July/August - Forlì, Tarquinia and Tuscany
1998 June 5 - Associazione Villaggio Globale - Bagni di Lucca
1998 August 5 - Peace Performance - Carrara - Italy
1998 October 16 - Presentation of the Sony Play Station - Milano
1999 January 29 - Teatro Ridotto - Bologna
1999 June 31 - Verrucchio Festival - Verrucchio (RN)
1999 July 15 - Match Music - Riccione
1999 July 22 - Prato Toscana
1999 July 25 - Courmayeur
1999 July 29 - Castel San Giorgio - Roma
1999 October 1 - Castello Mazzè - Torino
1999 October 4 - Rassegna "Identità e differenza" Piccolo Teatro Regio - Torino
1999 November 25 - Inauguration of "Bottega Veneta" Roma
2000 August - Gangchen Monastery - TIBET
2001 August - Summer System - Ostuni
2002 May 17 - Peace Happening - Riccione
2002 July 19 - Scuderie Cafe – Bologna
2002 September 6 - Scuderie Cafe - Bologna
2003 February 16 - La Palma Disco - Rome
2003 April 11 - Mundus Premiere with Lama Michel - Bagnolo (Reggio Emilia)
2003 May 10 - Gallery of Modern Art - Bologna
2003 October 21 - Notturno Tibetano - Bologna
2003 November 12- Notturno Tibetano - Bologna
2003 November 19 - Notturno Tibetano - Bologna
2003 November 26 - Notturno Tibetano - Bologna
2004 May 3 - Verbania Musica
2005 July 9 - Scansano World Festival (Grosseto)
2006 June 15 - Piscine Argelati - Milano
2007 January 28 - Bologna Revealed - Bologna
2007 July 21 - Nuturally Festival - Riccione
2007 September 19 - C-Prayer Festival - Milano
2009 June 19- Mountain Festival - Gricignana (Prato) Toscana
2010-2015 July 7 Annual Peace Performance at Albagnano Healing Meditation Centre

Participation in conferences and congresses:

1996 August - Singing for Peace - retreat organized by the Dharma centre Jewel Heart- with the participation of Philip Glass and Allen Ginsberg - Michigan U.S.A.
1996 September - Songs for peace during the annual United Nations equinox meditation celebrations, organised by non-governmental organizations at the United Nations - New York, USA
1997 October - premio "Acquiambiente" with Lama Gangchen - Acqui Terme
1998 November 18 - Unveiling of a life sized Elephant Bronze statue gifted to the United Nations by Kenya, Namibia and Nepal - New York and co-spnsored by the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation
2007 April 29 - The Great Meditation for Peace - Teatro del Mare - Riccione

Conferences:

2007 May 3 - "Bambini, scuola, cultura della pace" - Bologna

TV program participations:

1997 May 13 - Roxy Bar - with Marco Columbro and Lama Gangchen Rinpoche
1997 May 14 - Help - with Marco Columbro and Lama Gangchen Rinpoche
1997 December 16 - Buddhists show on RaiSat, - Torino
1998 Mediaset "30 ore per la vita " fundraising programme with Marco Columbro
1999 - "I Ragazzi del 99" - RAI3

Discography - CD Products & Copyright:

The Association self-produced a number of audio-visual materials dedicated to meditation techniques and the NgalSo Tantric Self-Healing practices.

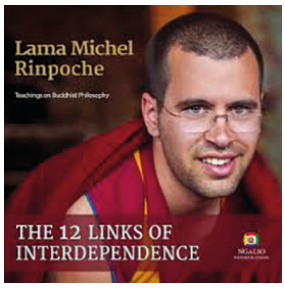
1996 - Self Healing Tara
2000 - Self Healing Chenrezig
2001 - Inner and World Peace Protector Puja
2001 - Prayer for World Peace
2001 - White Tara Sadana (Italian and Portuguese)
2001 - The Children of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery
2003 - Guru Puja
2005 - NgalSo Tantric Self Healing I & II (Italian, Portuguese, German, English, French, Dutch, Chinese, Tibetan, Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian and Greek)
2006 - NgalSo Tantric Self Healing I e II
2007 - Tibetan Buddhist Monks
2006 - Dharma Teachings (Lama Michel Rinpoche, Italian)
2007 - Songs by Lama Drubchen Rinpoche
2008 - 21 Tara Prayer
2009 - Self Healing Tara (new edition)
2009 - 21 Tara (new edition)

DVDs produced:

2007 - NgalSo Tantric Self Healing II (Italian, Portuguese, German, English, French, Dutch, Chinese, Tibetan, Spanish)
2009 - NgalSo Tantric Self Healing II (Italian, Portuguese, German, English, French, Dutch, Chinese, Tibetan, Spanish Vietnamese, Russian and Greek)
2009 - Self-Healing for the Environment (Italian, Portuguese, German, English, French, Dutch, Chinese, Tibetan, Spanish Vietnamese, Russian and Greek)

CDs produced by record companies:

1999 - Shide (L.G. Peace Publications)
2002 - Zamling Shide CD/Vinyl - Irma Records
2003 - Irma on Canvas (single) - Irma Records U.S.A.
2004 - Zamling Shide - remixes (CD singolo) Irma Records
2007 - Words of Buddha (CD album) - LSW/ Irma Records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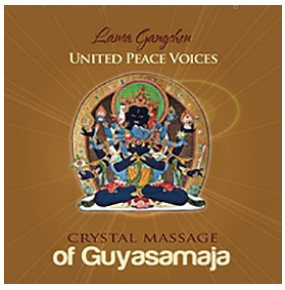
SOUND OF PEACE

Self-Healing World Peace Protector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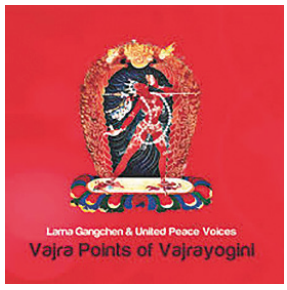
Lama Gangchen & United Peace Voices
Vajra Points of Vajrayogini

Lama Gangchen
united peace voices
Heruka Chakrasamvara

LAMA GANGCHEN &
UNITED PEACE VOICES
Kalachakra
THE GLORIOUS WHEEL OF PEACE TIMES

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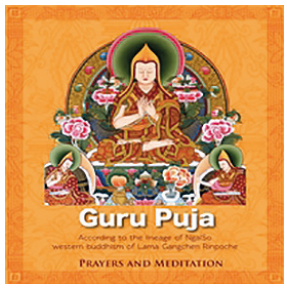
T.Y.S. Lama Gangchen
Tibetan Lama Healer


Guru Puja
PRAYERS AND MEDITATION

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Self-healing Chenrezig
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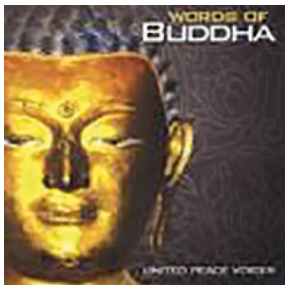
LAMA MICHEL RINPOCHE


WORDS OF
BUDDHA

sacred prayers
tibetan buddhist monks

united peace voices

Participated in the following compilations worldwide:

2002 - Asia Lounge I - Irma Records
2002 - Hot compilation - Irma Records
2002 - Chill out - Pyramide
2002 - Cassagrande etnica - Metropol Records - Spain
2002 - Formentera de dia vol.1 - Irma Records
2002 - Formentera de Noche vo. 1 - Irma Records **
2002 - Undiscovered world vol.1 Undiscovered Recordings - UK
2002 - A Day in Rimini - IRM Irma Records
2003 - Asia Lounge II - Irma Records
2003 - Sister Bossa vol. 4 - Irma Records
2003 - Faith Compilation - Irma Records
2003 - Rose aghea lounge 1 - aghea music /GATE Records - Japan
2003 - Irma on Canvas - Irma Records
2003 - Stereo Latina - Aten Recording - Japan
2003 - Formentera de dia vol.2 - Irma Records
2003 - Reserved - Irma Records
2003 - Ultimate Lounge - La empresa del disco (Ibiza - Spain)
2003 - Children Dreams - Mana Records
2004 - Takako love essential - King Records - Japan
2004 - Takako love water - King Records - Japan
2004 - Chill Out cafè vol. 8 - Irma Records
2004 - Replay Eyes MTV Vibe - (MTV Europe - Music awards)
2004 - The jazz house independent - Irma Records
2005 - Duna degli Orsi Marina di Ravenna - Irma Records
2005 - Emporio Armani Caffè 3 . Giorgio Armani spa - Sony Music
2005 - La Lunga notte di lucignolo 2 - The Saifam Group
2005 - Love 3 - Io Corso Como - Irma Records
2006 - On Board III - King Records - Japan
2008 - Karma Beat - Various Artist
2009 - Chill out cafè vol. 11 - Irma Records
2009 Wellness and Spa – Brisa - UK

Digital Compilations:

2007 - Irma Chill out cafè vol. 7 - Irma Records
2007 - Bossa Bar vol. 1 - Pyramide
2008 - Belladonna: The midnight Paradise remixes - Irma Records
2007 - Dj Dharma present Buddha cafè section one - Pyramide
2008 - Dj Tara present: The Yoga room vol. 1 - Pyramide
2009 - Dj Tara present: The Yoga room vol. 2 - Pyramide
2008 - Dj Dharma present Budda cafè section two - Pyramide
2009 - Dj Dharma present Budda cafè section three - Pyramide
2009 - Cafè Noir Musique pour bistrot Chill House vol. 1 - Pyramide
2009 - Chakra collection - Orange Chakra - Pyramide
2009 - Chakra collection - Blue Chakra - Pyramide
2009 - Chakra collection - Green Chakra - Pyramide
2009 - Chakra collection - Purple Chakra - Pyramide
2009 - Chakra collection - White Chakra - Pyramide
2009 Wellness and Spa – Brisa - UK

Music Editions
1996 - Sub-editions in Germany: Lama Gangchen World Peace – GEMA, Lama Gangchen is registered as author and composer with GEMA

2006 - Edizioni Musicali No 171025 (SIAE), Lama Gangchen United Peace Voices.

2009 - All the tracks of Lama Gangchen are deposited with the SIAE

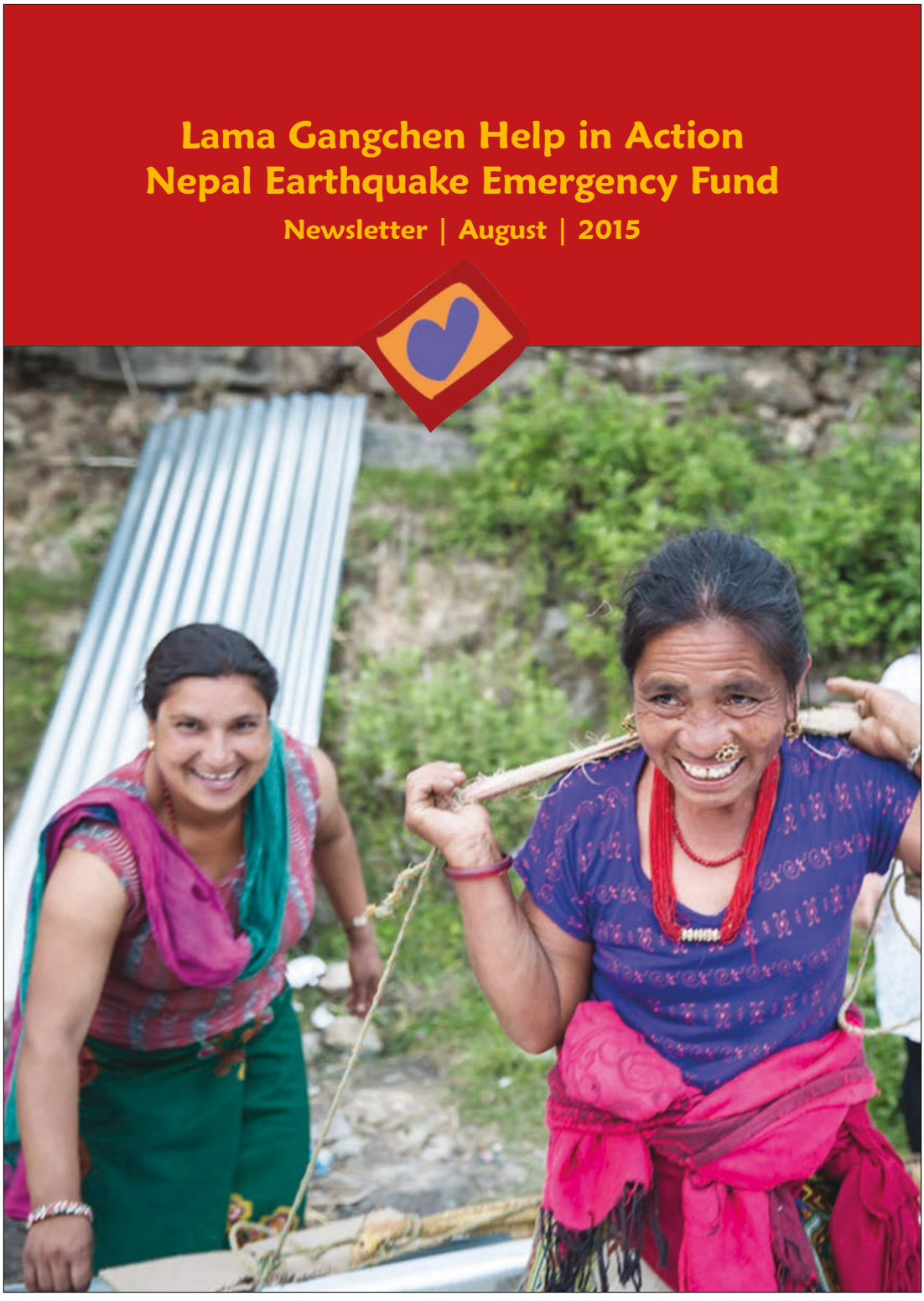
Website: https://www.facebook.com/unitedpeacevoices

Italian Distributors: Il Giardino dei libri from 2006; Healing Jewels from 2008

Studio Recording: Since 2006, the Association has a recording studio in Albagnano

Moreover, they are now distributed by over 200 worldwide online shops.

Lama Gangchen Help in Action
REPORT



The 7.8 magnitude earthquake in April, with the epicentre in the Gorkha District, just 80 km northwest of Kathmandu, absolutely devastated Nepal killing approximately 9,000 people, injuring 23,000 and leaving an estimated 500,000 families homeless. A further 2 earthquakes of magnitudes 7.3 and 6.3 occurred in May hitting the border of Dolakha and Sidhupalchowk districts and Ramechhap. Since then, in May alone, there were 290 aftershocks measuring above magnitude 4 and still today the earth continues to tremble.

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to our Nepal Emergency Fund as well as all the people who have helped by organising fundraising events. At the time of printing the total collected is **€121,100.71**. We are so grateful to each and every one of you for enabling us to offer concrete help to people living in some of the remotest and worst hit villages in Nepal. There really are no words to convey the joy, relief and hope for the future that these villagers have expressed upon receiving your help.

Since the earthquake, our office has been immersed in work relating to this terrible disaster that killed thousands and left many more injured, without homes, food or a livelihood. Along with the shock and worry of the general situation in Nepal, we were also faced with the immense task of locating – under very difficult circumstances – the children and families we support through our sponsorship programme. For us, who have seen over the years thousands of children grow-up and have personal connections with them, it was a very emotional time so it was with a great sense of relief that we finally arrived in Kathmandu in June.

Outside the airport we were met by the hectic hustle and bustle normally associated with Kathmandu. As we headed towards the Tinchule-Boudhanath area, where we have worked for the past 20 years, the streets were full of traffic, children in school uniforms walking home from school, people shopping and just going about their normal daily business. On the surface it all looked surprisingly normal, until we noticed gaps where buildings once stood, saw rubble from damaged building piled in the street, realised that the bamboo poles leaning against houses and walls were actually holding them up… Every open space was still full of makeshift tents and shelters, where people are living, either because they are afraid to return to their homes or because their homes

are too damaged to live in. Buildings that seem intact from the outside, are actually dangerously damaged inside.

Both the Himalayan Healing Centre and Gangchen Drupkhang suffered structural damage during the earthquakes. The handicraft and small vocational training programmes held at Gangchen Drupkhang were quickly located to a nearby site and activities were already underway just 10 days after the earthquake. Our local office unfortunately suffered irreparable damage – making it too dangerous to enter even to retrieve our files or computer – and will have to be demolished.

Other areas in and around the city were not so lucky - just short distances away from where we are located entire villages have collapsed, ancient temples and historical buildings have disappeared and lives lost. Everyone we met told of their panic, fear and losses. The streets in these places – once filled with tourists – are now empty, and this means that many people have lost their livelihoods. Nepal however still has so much to offer those who want to visit.

The very real disaster though is in the remote villages far away from the city. The people in these villages are simple farmers who already survived with very little and who lost everything when their homes collapsed during the earthquake. For these people, who have no income, the necessity at the moment is to construct shelters in order to protect themselves from the heavy monsoon rains and cold: the aid they requested and desperately needed was material to make roofs,. For all our team it was inspiring and humbling to see the people in these communities, where not one home is left standing, moving forward and getting on with the daily tasks of producing food and sifting through debris to extract any reusable materials - a clear message for us that life is not always based on material possessions.

9495 people from 1910 families are now under cover thanks to your help!

During our aid "mission" to Nepal (in June/July) we were able to buy and distribute materials such as tents, tarpaulins and iron sheeting to 1910 families, which means 9495 people are now under cover! These materials have reached some of the remotest villages that – even after 2 months – had still not received any aid. *We have delivered help to villages in Nuwakot, Sidhupalchowk, Ramechhap and Makwanpur districts.*

An estimated 8,000 schools across the 49 districts in Nepal have been seriously damaged or completely destroyed. It was completely shocking to see the collapsed roofs of village schools crushing the desks underneath, and we can only give thanks that the earthquake happened on Saturday – a holiday – when no children were in the buildings.

We were able to supply 7 village schools with roofing materials, 3 schools with water tanks and distributed school stationary to approximately 305 children. We have also sponsored the Shree Jana Bhuwana Primary School in Shikharpur Village for this academic year to ensure that the 90 children that presently attend it will be be sure to receive an education. Gangchen Samling School, which suffered only superficial damage, received tents and material to build temporary classrooms as many of the younger children are afraid to be in large buildings during the frequent aftershocks.

In Kathmandu 2 small monasteries have received tents to house, immediately after the earthquake for safety and now whilst they do repair work, the 70 young monks living there. We were also able to donate iron sheets for making roofs to 7 small monasteries in Balche and Kahule villages in Nuwakot District.

During this mission we tried to personally meet all the children sponsored through the long distance adoptions programme. Although many of the children told us that the homes of their grandparents in villages spread

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throughout Nepal have been lost – fortunately only 9 of our families living in Kathmandu have had problems relating directly to the earthquake. We have offered aid and practical help to these families. To the orphanage, run by the Nepal Women & Children Service Society, which was badly damaged by the earthquake, we donated a large stock of dried foods: rice, lentils, soya, salt, sugar, tea, cooking oil, biscuits etc which should last them 3 to 4 months. The orphanage cares for 40 children – many of whom attend Gangchen Samling School and are sponsored by the Association.

We are fortunate to have the help of Lama Gangchen's family and friends, who have always supported the work of Help in Action, in Nepal; but also to have representatives from Serpom and Shar Ganden monasteries in South India where many of the monks originate from Nepal. Before our arrival in Nepal these monks had already visited and brought back photos and information from villages requesting help. Because of the distances involved and the problems of access they were invaluable in helping us to get help directly to the places that needed it most. The village people were also so happy to have the emotional and spiritual support of the monks and everywhere we visited they have been requested to make prayer ceremonies.

Although we have already helped many people and are continuing to deliver help – the conditions in the villages are dire and more help will be needed in the coming months… The media may not speak about the situation in Nepal anymore, but the people here really do need your support. Please don't forget Nepal! We are still raising funds which hopefully will allow us to help in the repairing and rebuilding of schools, orphanages, monasteries and other structures. Please help us by sharing this newsletter! The details for donations are underneath.

Thank you for your contribution!

Please don't forget Nepal
A lot more help will be needed if the people of Nepal
are to overcome the devastating effects of the earthquakes.

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Lama Michel Rinpoche, born in 1981, has been recognized by Lama Gangchen and many great lamas as a Tulku – the reincarnation of a Tibetan Buddhist Master. He has chosen to be born in Brazil not only in order to benefit the whole country and South America, but the whole of contemporary society.

Lama Gangchen visited Brazil for the first in 1987, invited by Lama Michel's parents - Bel and Daniel. From this encounter was born a strong connection with the whole family, who founded the first of many Dharma Centers under the guidance of Lama Gangchen: the 'Shi De Choe Tsog' Center.

Over the years, contacts with Bel, Daniel and Lama Michel's sister Fernanda have increasingly been strengthened. Spontaneously, at the age of twelve, Lama Michel decides to leave his 'normal life' in order to engage in a monastic life in the south of India, where he presently resides.

Lama Michel has repeatedly visited sacred sites in India, Nepal, Indonesia, Cambodia, Mongolia and Tibet. During all these pilgrimages, he has had many intuitions, dreams and special visions. Lama Michel's character and his altruistic attitude began then to manifest themselves in a traditionally Buddhist way.

Great Lamas as Zopa Rinpoche, Daghiab Rinpoche and Gelek Rinpoche have confirmed that Lama Michel is the reincarnation of Drubchok Ghialwa Sandrup – a 15th century Lama from Gangchen Choepel Ling,

a monastery in Tibet, at the beginning of Lama Tsong Khapa's Ghelupa schooll, at the times of the first Dalai Lama. Panchen Zangpo Tashi, one of Lama Gangchen's reincarnations, founded the Gangchen Choepel Ling monastery. His successor, the second regent of the throne, was Drubchok Ghialwa Sandrup – a great yogi and master who gave various philosophical teachings.

Lama Michel is really a special young man, and many people have noticed his pure energy – which is like the energy of Maitreya, the future Buddha of Love. His Tibetan name is Chiang Chub Choepel Lobsang Nientrak – which means the 'Wise and famous Mind of enlightenment, who spreads the peace message of Dharma successfully'.

Lama Caroline, Dorje Kanyen Lhamo, was born in 1965 in the UK. She became Buddhist in 1986 after reading 'The Way of the White Clouds' and took Refuge with Geshe Namgyel Wangchen of Drepung. Caroline studied and did solitary retreats for five years under the guidance of Geshe Kelsang Gyatso.

In 1991 met Gangchen Rinpoche, and moved to Milano, Italy, to study with him - She has also had the great fortune to receive teachings on sutra and tantra from many other (Gelugpa) Lamas.

From 1993 – to present day she is travelling extensively with Lama Gangchen and visited Borobudhur for the first time in 1993. Lama Caroline together with the Lama Gangchen Peace Publications team, (Isthar Adler, Cosy Back, Ricardo Baddouh, Sharon Dawson,) compiled, edited and published the NgalSo Gyasto Sungrab, the Collected Works of Lama Gangchen, the core teachings of the NgalSo Tradition.(his collected works on Sutra, Tantra, medicine, astrology, yoga) of NgalSo Western Buddhism.

In 2000 she was Officially recognised as a Lama by Lama Gangchen. She is a Lineage Holder of the NgalSo tradition, and became a Throne Holder in 2012.

2000 – onwards, Lama Caroline has been teaching and guiding retreats on Sutra, Tantra, Medicine, Astrology, and Trulkhor yoga at Albaganano Healing Meditation Center, Italy, and in other NgalSo Centers worldwide.

2003 - 4, she studied and received a Diploma in World Religions from the Open University, UK.

2005 - 8 Masters Degree (with merit) in Buddhist Studies from the University of Sunderland, UK – Her thesis was on 'A Tibetan Lama's Mandala Theory About Candi Borobudur Compared with Western Scholarship'

Since 2010 she studies Classical Tibetan and Sanskrit at ITAS, the Institute for Tibetan and Asian Studies at KarmaGuen, Velez Malaga, Spain.

Kok Kim Tong

Born in 1934 in a Mahayana Buddhist family, Mr Kok has been actively involved in promoting Buddhism in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

In 1986, Mr Kok is the main sponsor of the first ever held Mahayana "The Liberation Rite of Water & Land" buddhist ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia held in Kuan Ying Ting temple.

Since 1987, Mr Kok initiated the annual Vajrayana Medicine Buddha Birthday Ceremony in Kuala Lumpur.

In 1989, through a mutual friend, an Austrian monk, Ven. Thupten Choephel, fondly known by many as Gelongla introduced HH Lama Gangchen Rinpoche to be the Vajra Master & Dharma Healer of the 9 days Medicine Buddha Birthday Ceremony (also the birthday of Mr Kok).

Since then a special bond developed between them. HH Lama Gangchen Rinpoche has been annually participating in the ceremony every year until 2002.

He has also joined in many of HH Lama Gangchen Rinpoche's peace pilgrimages to Borobudur (since 1989), Nepal (since 1991), Europe (since 1992), China (since 1992) etc.

He participated in many of HH Lama Gangchen's World Peace Congresses in Spain (1992), Nepal (1998),India, Borobudur (since 1989) and so forth.

Mr Kok is dedicated to the practice of Medicine Buddha and has diligently continued with holding the annual 7-days Medicine Buddha Birthday Ceremony even though HH Lama Gangchen Rinpoche could not come due to his busy travel schedule.

Rogier Hoenders is a psychiatrist and clinical psychiatry instructor, who founded and directs the center for integrative psychiatry in Groningen, the Netherlands.

He is the chairman of the organising committee of the two-yearly congress integrated psychiatry and a board member of the international network for integrative mental health (INIMH).

His main research is on: Integrative Psychiatry: the philosophical foundation, practical implication and effectiveness of 'Integrative Medicine' in mental health care.

Kitlyn Tjin A Djie is Surinamese. When she was sixteen she migrated to the Netherlands to continue her studies. She married a Dutch man, they have two sons and by now five grandchildren. For many years, she worked in Dutch youth care.

To give an answer to the western white individualistic thinking - which is often at odds with the needs of (migrant) children - she developed a model: Protective Wraps, that is based upon the strength of families. Nowadays, she gives lectures, provides courses and trainings, and wrote with Irene Zwaan several books and articles about Protective Wraps.

Rudolf Schneider

Was born in Basel/ Switzerland on the 8th of January 1949.

He received a formal education in a classic school, followed by Studies in medicine. Since 35 years he runs a medical office in Schinznach - Dorf as well as a medical school. He is a general practitioner with many specializations in Laser therapy, Traditional Tibetan Medicine, Homeopathy and Chinese Medicines, acupuncture.

Married to Elsbeth since 1978, they have five children - wonderful time.

Dr Schneider has been to Borobudur four times with Lama Gangchen

Elkana Waarsenburg (1976) works as a family physician in the Netherlands. She works in primary care that provides continuing and comprehensive health care for the individual and family across all ages, genders, diseases of body and mind. She participates in a two-year specialization on palliative care and dying support, which will be completed in June 2015. Her main (working) interests are Psychosomatic Diseases, Integrative Medicine, Dying Support and Buddhism in relation to Inner and Outer Science.

Since ten years Elkana has been travelling with Lama Gangchen Rinpoche, Lama Michel Rinpoche, Lama Caroline to holy places around the world. During those years she experienced great benefit of (practising) dharma: profound spiritual medicine for body and mind on gross, subtle and very subtle levels. The NgalSo Tantric Self-Healing Meditation as developed and taught by T.Y.S Lama Gangchen Tulku Rinpoche has been of great benefit for herself and in her work as a family physician.

Bernard Gesch is a retired Research Scientist and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

He has advised the World Health Organisation on how much global violence could be attributed to poor diet.

In 2005 he was awarded the BBC Derek Cooper Award for the person who has done the most to highlight the importance of good food in society.

Moreno Sartori

Moreno was born in 1975 in Milan, where he still lives with his wife and 10 year old daughter. He was born disabled a fact that gave an extra impetus to his spiritual research, which started when he was 17. When he was 22, he took an anglo-saxon course and, then worked together with an Italian expert. Afterwards he started working independently as a consultant, the result: The behaviour of problems of dogs.

When he was 28 he started to read buddhist philosophy and tried to find answers to questions which had tormented him. In 2010, he realised that he needed a teacher, given the vastness of buddhist teachings. He learned more from the mental content from Lama Michel Rinpoche, from his online courses and then met him subsequently, in 2011 taking refuge with him the same year.

From then on he started to bring buddhism into his work combining it with reiki, for which he took two Chawang NgalSo reiki initiations with Lama Gangchen Rinpoche and two traditional Usui reiki initiations. In 2014, he took a telepathy course, which focussed on communication with animals. He found the course lacking in certain aspects and so, he decided to combine elements of the course with the meditation techniques he had learned. The latter proved to be very useful for identifying the causes of the dogs problems and therefore of their owners' as well.

In 2015 with the approval of Lama Michel, he organised a course called 'Mind to Mind' in which he explained his experiences with meditation in working with dogs, this was effectively a subtle form of communication which relies on neither verbal expression nor gestures, but rather on that that we all do with varying degrees of awareness, that is the sending of messages, in the form of energy from our mind to that of our interlocutor.

Maria Cristina Quintili

Born in Macerata (Italy), she lives in Premeno (Province of Verbania). Ms. Quintili has been an elementary school teacher for over thirty years; her work also includes teaching adults, senior citizens, students with specific educational needs and foreign students.

She participated in many didactical-educational projects, such as:

• EU Socrates-Comenius project, didactic circles of Macerata and Verbania (Italy);

• a linguistic project on literary subjects for children's literature (comics, fairy tales, legends, stories and novels);

• the 'Libriamoci' project, generating ideas and building a book for children, within the 'La Scuola Adotta un Monumento' (The School Adopts a Monument) project for the conservation of Italian artistic and cultural patrimony – both projects done for the Macerata school district authority.

Ms. Quintili writes poetry and has also written 'Un Dono da Scoprire' (A Gift to Discover), a short story on inter-religious topics for young children. She attended many professional updating courses as well as formation courses for teachers by several Italian and foreign educational institutions – mainly concerning the teaching and learning of foreign languages.

Moreover, she is dedicated to inter-cultural and diversity education, religious and spiritual education, peace education and non-formal education. She is also interested in art, philosophy and oriental religions and cultures and takes part in various initiatives for the actualization of Lama Gangchen's proposal for a permanent United Nations Spiritual Forum for world peace.

She worked in numerous educational-didactical projects: "A peaceful future" in 2003, "Searching for peace" in 2004, "Peace in the Outer and Inner Environment" this year, all inspired by Lama Gangchen's principles for better living, in order to create a Peace Culture, which may bring hope to future generations, and by his teachings about non violent medicine and inner peace, which is the most solid foundation for world peace.

Bebel Franco was born and raised in Brazil, from where she developed her passion for raw food: the art of self-nourishment in harmony with nature to re-establish the balance of body, mind and spirit.

She lives in the hills above Lake Maggiore in a kind of "Little Tibet", the Albagnano Healing Meditation Centre, where she learned to know and respect the elements, which are particularly pure there.

In the heart of this healing mandala, where spirituality prevails, she prepares with love the live food juices as well the "Shimbu" tasty little gems with the intention to share their energy with everyone to regenerate our life force.

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Making request to Guru by Name-mantra
By Trijang Rinpoche

You are glorious and auspicious of having a supreme and noble awareness.
Your activities for the doctrine of great Muni increase like a waxing moon.
Your deeds are suitable to the minds of the transmigrators.
At the feet of you glorious guru I make request.

OM AH GURU VAJRADHARA SUMATI MUNI SHASANA KARMA UHTA VARDANAYE SHRI BADHRA VAR SAMANIYA SARWA SIDDHI HUNG HUNG.

My Venerable compassionate Lama,
please, with compassion look upon me who am miserable.
Please show your good and happy face to me.
Please grant me a relief through your verbal assurance.

As I am making request to you from my single pointed heart,
please stay in the center of my blissful chakra and
bless me to accomplish spontaneously all objects
of wish that I think of, without obstacles.

As I am making the two accumulations and confess the sin and downfalls,
please stay in the spherical space above and
please bless me to complete the two great accumulations
and to eliminate the natural and formulated downfall.

Until that I attain enlightenment, stay well day and night always
at the pistil of lotus in the center of my heart and
pacify all the conditions which oppose the achievement of enlightenment
bless me to accomplish easily all the favorable conditions.

Guide my mind toward the dharma,
Pacify my evil non-dharmic thoughts and actions.
Bless me to accomplish spontaneously, without effort
all the objects of wish concordant to dharma.

In brief, from now in all my future lives and
in all the periods of this and future lives and the intermediate state
I have no lama other than you on whom my hope is set.
I request you to look at me with your compassionate eyes.

May we who are miserably without guide and refuge,
have the good fortune to experience that the Venerable Lama pays full attention to us with his compassion and
that we never be separated from the light of his body and speech.

May I not be separated from correct gurus in all
my lives and enjoy the glory of dharma.
May I thoroughly complete the qualities of grounds and paths
and quickly attain the state of Vajradhara.

This prayer has been expressed in this manner, because Gyalwa Goe Tshangpa said:

One could meditate so much on generation stage,
but nothing surpasses the contemplation on Lama.
One could recite so much,
but nothing surpasses the requesting-prayer to him.
If one constantly makes request to him
it is sure that one will have experience his presence without separation.
Therefore, the foundation of all happiness and goodness is to make requesting prayer to him.

May the venerable guru live long.
May his positive activities develop in the ten directions.
May the lamp of the doctrine of Losag Dragpa dispell
the darkness of three realms and remain forever.

UNITED NATIONS SPIRITUAL FORUM FOR WORLD PEACE

A proposal by T.Y.S. Lama Gangchen

"Inner peace is the most solid foundation for world peace"

All religions and spiritual movements promote the spiritual development of their members and look, in one way or another, for the building of inner peace. Religions have sometimes caused wars or at least have been used by social and political leaders to justify wars and different forms of violence and oppression.

At the same time nevertheless, religions and spiritual movements have significantly contributed towards the development of a culture of peace and have fostered world peace by promoting values such as mutual respect, solidarity, compassion and social justice.

The United Nations is the main political forum for world peace. Peacemaking and peacekeeping are its core functions. Nevertheless there is not appropriate room in that forum for the religions and spiritual movements to be represented and to be actively involved in building world peace.

Although some countries have an official religion, in general religions ignore national borders and co-exist within countries and local communities. "Religions must not identify themselves with political, economic or social powers so as to remain free to work for justice and peace". *

The Governments of the United Nations Member States cannot represent religions and spiritual movements. It is time to give them official recognition within the United Nations and to create for them an appropriate forum within the United Nations environment to hear their voices and actively associate them in the noble task of building world peace.

Concepts and Objectives To fulfil this need we propose the creation of a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace under the General Assembly. The spiritual forum would be a permanent space for the leaders and representatives of all major and minor religions and spiritual movements for dialogue and concertation, as well as a bridge with the political forum. The spiritual forum concept assumes both diversity and commonalities among religions and spiritual movements. The forum will not entail the creation of a new multi religious philosophical doctrine or the ironing out of cultural religious diversity, but would be based on the holders of each religious tradition and identity, finding out in the dialogue common values, views and goals for concerted action in the search for inner and world peace, with full respect for the right of every group to cultivate, practise and teach its own doctrine.

In this spirit, the spiritual forum is expected to provide the space and channels for facilitating a better knowledge and understanding of the beliefs, ethical codes, organisation and practices of each other, a basic condition for mutual respect; to interchange ideas and work out common views from a spiritual perspective on the major problems and challenges faced by mankind, such as poverty eradication, population growth and protection of the environment; and identify specific areas for concerted action in the promotion of peace.

The spiritual forum will also offer an official channel to the spiritual leaders to speak with one single voice to the political leaders with regard to world peace and to relate to the specialised agencies

and funding agencies of the UN system which are responsible for promoting social, economic and environmental development. In order to fulfill its mission, the spiritual forum at international level should be complemented by spiritual forums created at national and local levels that will promote inter-religious dialogue and concerted action for inner and social peace in the communities. Without the active involvement of local communities the spiritual forum would remain only as one more superstructure. Complementary outcomes

The effective operation of the spiritual forum at all levels can be expected to:

1. Re-energize all religions and spiritual movements by enabling their voices to remain relevant to the billions of citizens of this planet now and in the future. 2. Offer new ideas and re-package old ideas in the field of education for peace; and last, but not least 3. Contribute to solve religious conflicts that are now hindering the development of world peace.

Inner Peace and World Peace Now and Forever By all the Holy Beings' Blessings

* From the Declaration of the UNESCO Conference on "the Contribution by Religions to the Culture of Peace", Barcelona, Spain December 12-18 1994.

"I would like to be very clear, that although I am the initiator of this proposal, as it is gradually realized and the Spiritual Forum is created both locally, nationally and internationally, that is under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly, I personally have no wish to be in the forefront of this assembly. My wish is to stay in the background, serving the Spiritual Forum in whichever way I am able, but leaving the leadership to those better qualified to develop this Spiritual United Nations to its fullest potential for the benefit of all humanity. There are four key points to consider about the Spiritual Forum:

• The Spiritual Forum concept implies working for development of Spiritual Forums for World Peace in our local communities, in our countries and at international level.

• Participants of the Spiritual Forum must respect the rights of every other spiritual group or religion to cultivate, practise and teach its own doctrine.

• That we, the participants of the Spiritual Forum, will respectfully try to understand and be sympathetic to other beliefs, ethical codes, organizations and practices with the aim of sharing and exchanging ideas about how to solve global problems such as war, poverty and environmental degradation.

• That we will work together harmoniously to identify specific areas for concerted action in the promotion of inner and world peace.

The Spiritual Forum does not entail the creation of a new religious or spiritual doctrine or the loss of cultural-religious diversity; it shall be based on the holders of each religious tradition presenting their own system and philosophy at its best, in an open spirit whilst collaborating with other traditions, to find new perspectives and solutions for the many urgent problems now facing humanity. It is important in the 21st century, both for the development and success of the global village and environment, that religions accept each other and come to some agreement on major issues such as population studies, economy, environment, peace making, and so on. Religions must work together because the harmony of the collective human spirit is the heart of all religions and is beyond any singular religion. The proposal aims to create continuously functioning Spiritual Forums for World Peace at both the international (United Nations), national and local levels. I hope that you will now collectively accept the proposal as your own and present it to the United Nations, the main international organ in the creation of world peace. Religious and spiritual traditions can make an important contribution towards the development of world peace and so we should collectively request the United Nations to allow this forum to be realised as soon as possible."

A Chronological List of National and International Presentations of a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace

1. Santiago, Chile, 8th of June 1995 at ECLAC, (the Latin American Headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission). T.Y.S. Lama Gangchen presented his proposal for a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace to an audience of 150 United Nations officials and special guests.
2. Dorset England, June 15th to 19th 1995. First Solstice World Peace Prayers in Stonehenge's Inner Circle Temple and Festival of Healing with Lama Gangchen at Gaunts House. Historical event held at Stonehenge, which marked the re-opening of this sacred site to the ancient pagan traditions.
3. Ulan Baator, Mongolia on the 7th of August 1995 at the Peace Committee. Organized by J. Choinkhor, Deputy Foreign Minister and President of the Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO and attended by: Dr. G. Lubsantsern, Secretary General of the Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace; B. Wangchindorj, former Foreign Minister of Mongolia; Sheringdeva, former Deputy Prime Minister; and several important representatives of monasteries and peace organisations.
4. Kathmandu, Nepal on the 1st of September 1995 at the Russian Cultural Centre. Attended by: Chief Guest, the Rt. Hon. Beni Bahadur Karki, Chairman, National Council; HMG of Nepal. Guests: four members of Raj Sabha Standing Committe; three former Ministers; six representatives of associations and organisations, and seven representatives of societies.
5. Munich, Germany, at Haus International, 15th to the 17th of September 1995.
6. Montignac - Dordogne, France at the Salle des Fêtes, 14th of October 1995. The annual Forum was attended by over 1.500 people among whom Anne and Daniel Meurois-Givaudan; Emile Moatti, vice-president of the "Fraternité d'Abraham" and member of the administration of the "World Conference on Religion and Peace" for France; as well as various religious representatives and scientists. Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal and gave a lecture on the importance of Inner Peace Education. A portrait gallery was dedicated to great spiritual personalities of various religions, such as Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Bahai. Each participant received a copy of the Proposal by Lama Gangchen personally.
7. Perugia, Italy, 20th to the 24th of September 1995. Commemoration Celebration of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the United Nations, and Peace Walk from Perugia to Assisi. Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal to the Assembly of the UN representatives and participated in the Peace Walk, attended by representatives of over 175 different countries, including important personalities, such as Betty William, Nobel Peace Laureat in 1975 (Ireland); Maria Pia Fanfani (Together for Peace Foundation); Nadia Younes, Director of UNIC Rome, Italy.
8. New York, USA, on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the United Nations, 17th to the 23rd of October 1995. Lama Gangchen attended an NGO briefing held at the Dag Hammerskjold Auditorium on the 19th of October, followed by a prayer which he held outside the United Nations Meditation Hall with a small delegation. On this occasion Lama Gangchen talked to and personally handed out the Proposal to all present. On the 21st and 22nd, he took part in the "Visions for the 21st Century" symposium organized by the Temple of Understanding and the Council of Religious and Interfaith Organizations. Saturday the 21st of October, at the Cathedral of St John the Divine, attended by: Rev. James Parks Morton, Dean, Cathedral of St John the Divine and President: Temple of Understanding; Dr Karan Singh, Chair: Temple of Understanding; Ambassador Douglas Roche, Chair: UN 50th Anniversary Committee, Canada, and Advisor to the Holy See Mission to the UN; President Oscar Arias, Nobel Peace Prize; and many spiritual leaders and representatives of the various religious denominations. Lama Gangchen talked to and personally handed out the Proposal to everyone present at the symposium. He took part in the Inter religious Procession in the Cathedral as the representative for Tibetan Buddhism. On this occasion Lama Gangchen twice offered a dedication to World Peace with a prayer and a song. Sunday the 22nd of October, at the St Vartan Armenian Cathedral Auditorium, attended by Rev. Khajag Barsamian Primate, Diocese of the Armenian Church in North America; Rev. Kyotaro Deguchi, leader Oomoto (Japan) delegation; Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Chair: International Council of Christians and Jews, London UK; Preminder N. Jain (Bawa), Vice Chair of NGOs at the United Nations & UN Representative International Mahavir Jain Mission; Rev. Dr Joan Campbel, Gen. Sec., National Council of churches; Dr Alwi Shilab, Religious Affairs, Agama Dept, Indonesia; Dr Arthur Herzberg, Rabbi Emeritus, Professor of the Humanities, New York University; as well as spiritual leaders and representatives from the various religious denominations. Lama Gangchen presented his Proposal and gave a speech on the need for Inner Peace Education.
9. London, England: Westminster Abbey, on the 24th of October 1995. On the occasion of the United Nations 50th Anniversary celebrations. The service, led by the Very Rev. Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster, was attended by participating representatives of various faiths communities such as the Rev. Rabbi Edward Jackson; Bruce

Ginsberg; Hugh Adamson; the Most Rev. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and other worldwide visiting spiritual and political representatives and personalities; Alexander Borg Oliver, director, UN office in London. Lama Gangchen personally handed out the Proposal on this occasion and attended a reception where he met with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and several other worldwide spiritual representatives and personalities.
10. Chicago, USA 19th & 20th of November 1995: The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions and the Millennium Institute at North Shore Congregation Israel. Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal and took part in the Millennium Moment Roundtable, making a gift of the "United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace" proposal to the Projects 2000 for the Third Millennium. The two day meeting was hosted by Rabbi Herbert Bronstein and chaired by Rabbi Herman Schaalman, Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Emanuel, Chicago, and by P.N. Bawa Jain, vice-Chair, NGO Committee, United Nations. The roundtable was attended by about one hundred persons, including Dr Daniel Gomez-Ibanez, Executive Director, 1993 Parliament of the World's Religions, Director, International Committee for the Peace Council; Dr Howard Sulkin, President, Spertus Institute of Judaica, Chicago, Chair, Board of Trustees, CPWR; Dr Hamid Hai, Chair, International Inter-religious Committee, CPWR; Dr Gerald O. Barney, President, Millennium Institute; Dr Shahid Ahter, M.D., Chair, Indianapolis Interfaith Council; Sr Jayanti, Director, International Centre, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University.
11. New York, USA: Interfaith Affairs Department, United Nations. Meeting with Rabbi Leon Klenicki, Director, Interfaith Affairs Department, United Nations, the Anti-Defamation League.
12. Delhi, India 10 to 13th of January 1996: 4th International World Environment Congress - Eco-Philosophy Summit held at the India International Centre. Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal to a large and extremely receptive audience of ministers, governors, spiritual masters and special guests, such as Sri K.L. Sharma, Vice Pres. BJP; Swami Om Pooran; Dr Prabhash Singh; Alan Kay, Commissioner, Global Commission to Fund the United Nations; Dr Karan Singh, Chair, Temple of Understanding; Dr Ramjee Singh, Director, Gandhian Institute of Studies; Dr Wilfred Menezes Mesquita, Minister for Environment, Goa.
13. Gobind Sadan, Godaipur, Delhi, India. Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal to Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios, President, Inter Religious Federation for World Peace and to Baba Virsa Singh, founder of Gobind Sadan during an afternoon tea gathering between the three spiritual masters and some close disciples; to Rajyogini Dadi Prakshmani, Brahma Kumaris.
14. Delhi, India: United Nations Information Centre, on the 16th of January 1996. A meeting with Feodor Starcevic, Director, during which Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal and the project was discussed with a very positive response.
15. Delhi, India: Italian Embassy, on the 16th of January 1996. Short reception and presentation of the Proposal.
16. New York, USA: United Nations, on the 21st of March 1996. Lama Gangchen guided the Spring Equinox meditation for World Peace and presented the Proposal.
17. Amsterdam, Holland, May 1996. Proposal presented on the occasion of the founding of Lama Gangchen's Dutch association.
18. Madrid, Spain, May 1996. On the occasion of the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation's 5th International Congress. A local forum was established, under the direction of Prof. Asdrubal Salsamendi, United Nation.
19. HABITAT II - City Summit, Istanbul, Turkey, 3rd to 14th June 1996. Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation - UN NGO accredited participant. Proposal offered to the UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali during their formal introduction on the 4th of June 1996. Presentation and workshop: NGO Conferences on the 5th, 6th and 8th of June. Proposal further presented to: Mayor of Jerusalem Teddy Kollek; Members of the Wisdom Keepers; Prince Alfred of Luxemburg; Dr Hans Peter Durr, advisor to UN Secretary General, to name but a few.
20. Paris, France - 22-23 June 1996. Inter-Religious Congress "Unité n'est pas l'uniformité". Lama Gangchen and the Foundation were represented by Geshe Ngawang Sherab.
21. Westminster - London, England, the 26th of June 1996. On the occasion of a private meeting and discussion with the Bishop of London, Richard Chartres.
22. Rome, Italy, the 27th of June 1996. On the occasion of a private reception with Rabbi Elio Toaff, President of the Italian Jewish Community.
23. Sao Paulo, Brazil, 2nd Ecological Ecumenical Meeting at Hebraica Club on the 16th July 1996. Attended by Rabbi Michel Leipzigner of Lar Golda Meir; Fabio Feldman, Environmental Secretary for Sao Paulo; Roberto Smeraldi, Friends of the Earth International; José Mario Brasiliense Carneiro of the Congregation Emmanuel; Mr Pierre Weil of the Peace University; Luciana Ferraz of the Brahma Kumaris; Father Jose Bizon of the Casa da Reconciliação; Kaká Werá Jecupé, indigenous people's representative.
24. Santiago Chile, 29th to the 30th July 1996. Creation and inauguration of a local Spiritual Forum for World Peace, on the 29th July 1996, convening monthly. Coordinated by Geraldo Gonzales Cortes of the UN Population Agency, the forum is composed of:- Rabbi Esteban Vegahazzi and his wife, Anna; Mario Sañartu, Jesuit priest; Mr Figueroa,

Jewish-Christian Fraternity; Luis Cárdenas, Catholic, human rights representative; Samuel Palma, Evangelist Church; Ivan Bravo, Focular movement; Raúl Rosales Lay Catholic; Geshe N Sherab of the Varanasi Sanskrit University, Gelugpa Himalayan Buddhism; Moira Lowe, Brahma Kumaris; Mauricio Arrieta, Vicara de la Esperanza jóvenes; Luis Puentes, Ecumenical Churches. On the 30th of July 1996. Universidad del Pacifico - Meetings of Great Religions for World Peace. The work was initiated by Julio Ortuzar Prado, rector; Lama Gangchen presented the Spiritual Forum for World Peace. Discussions ensued with Rabbi Esteban Verghazi; Professor Antonio Bentue, Vice Deacon of the Faculty of theology at the Catholic University of Chile; Pastor Esteban Schaller, Evangelist.
25. Buenos Aires, Argentina, United Nations Information Centre, on the 9th of August 1996. Presentation of the Proposal and creation of a local forum for World Peace as a result of an International-Interfaith Roundtable Meeting. The presentation took place under the patronage of Angel Escudero de Paz, director of the United Nations Information Centre in Buenos Aires, under the auspices of the United Nations. Among those present were: Father Vittorino and Hermanna Bassa, Catholic Church; Rabbi Sergio Bergman, Judaism; Licenciado Abdala Desuque, Islamic Centre; Father Dolan, Catholic Temple; Dr Guruji, Hinduism; Pastor David Calvo, Lutherian; Dick Couch, Presbitairian; Pastor Juan Gatinoni, Methodist; Father Vladimir, Russian Orthodox; Horacio Gadea, Brahma Kumaris Spiritual University; Mozhdem Shoia, Bahai Community; Raul Mamani, Indigenous people's Representative; Pastor Hans Reitzel, Protestant; Geshe Ngawang Sherab, Buddism. A local forum was established, with the proposed aim to extend it both to national and international levels.
26. Caracas, Venezuela, on the 19th and 20th of August 1996. On the 19th of August at SanaArte in the presence of Rabbi Pynchas Brener; Father Mounir Aoun, Maronite Church; Rev. Igazio Castello, Jesuite; Jefe Librado Moraleda, Union of Warao Indigenous Community; Farid Matter, Free Planet Foundation; Dr Enoe Texier, UNESCO - Free Planet coordinator; Belkis Aquino, Pax Kristium Pax; Lama Gangchen illustrated the importance of a permanent Spiritual Forum. On the 20th of August, at the Monument for Universal Peace, during an inter-religious prayer ceremony for world peace, with great mass media attention. Present were: Pastor Uriel Ramirez, Presbiterian Church of Venezuela; Father Mounir Aoun, Maronite Church; Jefe Librado Moraleda, Union of Warao Indigenous Community; Farid Matter, President - Free Planet Foundation; Dr Enoe Texier, UNESCO - Free Planet coordinator; Father Jose Vergara, Evangelic Church; Juan Sarmiento, Anandamarga Tantric School; Mohamed Dib Ali, Mosque of Caracas; Luiz Yarzabal, director UNESCO-CRESARLC office in Caracas. The Proposal received wide media, (newspapers, radio and television), interest on both local and national levels.
27. Miami, USA, on the 23rd of August 1996. Dade Community College, Inter-American Centre. The Proposal was officially presented to the Mayor of Miami, Joe Carollo, during a public meeting when Lama Gangchen was presented with an official recognition certificate "for his important contribution to the community", from the Vice-Mayor Wilfred Gort.
28. New York, September 1996. DPI/NGO 49th Annual Conference, 10 to 12th of September 1996, United Nations. Lama Gangchen participated and distributed the Spiritual Forum Proposal among the various NGO participants. United Nations: Vernal Equinox celebration, 17th of September. To coincide with the opening of the General Assembly, Lama Gangchen was requested to guide the Meditation for World Peace and distributed the proposal.
29. Rome, 10th International Meeting organized by the S. Egidio Community, "Peace is the name of God" on the 7th and 8th of October 1996. Inauguration Ceremony, 7th of October. Among those present were: the President of the Italian Republic Oscar Luigi Scalfaro; Cardinal Camillo Ruini, President, Italian Episcopal Conference; Jacques Santer, President of European Union Commission; Federico Mayor, Director General UNESCO; Jacques Diouf, Director General FAO; Cornelio Sommaruga, President, International Red Cross Committee; Pierre Sané, Secretary General Amnesty International; Elio Toaff, Head Rabbi of Rome. Plenary Assembly, 8th of October. Among those present were: Francesco Cossiga, Senator and former President of the Italian Republic; Jean Daniel, Director "Nouvel Observateur" France; Lamberto Dini, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Italy; Mario Soares, Former President of Portugal Republic.
30. Lahore - Pakistan, 1st of December 1996. The Proposal was distributed on the occasion of the 1st International Holistic Medical Congress, on World AIDS Day.
31. Colombo, Sri Lanka, 29th of December 1996. The Proposal was read out and distributed on the occasion of the 34th International Congress for Alternative Medicine, on the International Day for Biological Diversity.
32. New Delhi, India, from the 21st to the 25rh of January 1997. The Proposal was presented on the occasion of the First World Polypathy Congress held in Delhi. The meeting dedicated to Global welfare, focused on both medical and social issues. Present at the function were the Honorable Chief Minister of Delhi, Sri Saheb Singh; Heath Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan; Sri M. Arunachlam, Union Minister of Labour and several members of Parliament. The prominent speakers included: Dr Carl Shapley, Chancellor New World Academy, London; Oswald Summerton, Director, Tacet Academy of Social Transformation; Dr Gregory Burglad, University of Provence, France; and many others.

33. Kathmandu, Nepal, on the 8th of February 1997. The first International Congress on Alternative Medicine, Non-Violence and Peace Education and a proposal for a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace. The meeting was inaugurated by the Rt Hon. Bhim Bahadur Tamang, Minister for Law and Justice (Chief Guest) and by the Rt Hon. Kirti Nidhi Bista, Former Prime Minister (Guest of Honour). Among the distinguished speakers: Dr Bill Piggot, Representative of the World Health Organisation-WHO; Professor P.R. Trivedi, Chairman Indian Institute of Ecology and Environment, Delhi, India; Prof Dr Sir Anton Jayasuriya, Chairman Open International University for Complementary Medicines, Colombo, Sri Lanka; Dr Maurizio Boaron, "Keyhole" surgeon from Bologna, Italy; Dr Pavel Petrov, Physician to the Russian Embassy; as well as representatives from various embassies, doctors and delegates from over 18 countries. There was a very colourful flag ceremony calling for peace in all the countries of the world, each symbolised by their own national flag, before the formal presentation of the Proposal. The meeting was covered by local newspapers as well as by a local CNN news agency.
34. Villa Carlotta, Lago Maggiore, Italy, on the 28th of February 1997. The Proposal was presented and distributed on the occasion of the first experimental Congress towards the Third Millennium, organized by Alpha Dimensione Vita. Among the distinguished speakers, was Professor Bernardino Del Boca, founder of the "Villaggio Verde", with some inspiring "instructions for use" for the Third Millennium. The Proposal received great acclamation and support as the imminent London meeting was announced for the 1st of March 1997.
35. The Friends Meeting House, London, England, on Saturday the 1st of March 1997. A special inter-religious meeting was held for Lama Gangchen to present the Proposal together with Bishop Swing's United Religions Initiative-URI proposal. The gathering brought nearly 200 people together and Rev. A.C. Winter introduced the silent meditation dedicated to inner and world peace. There was a special display of all the United Nations Member States flags and each country was mentioned individually in a brief world peace ceremony held by Lama Gangchen before the proposals were read out.
36. Milan, Italy, on the 13th of March 1997, at the F.A.C.S. – Federazione delle Associazioni Culturali e Scientifiche. The meeting was organized by the F.A.C.S. Federation to present Lama Gangchen's Proposal. The presentation was followed by a very interesting dialogue towards a closer collaboration between the individual and such a proposal towards world peace.
37. New York, USA, on the 20th of March 1997, at the United Nations Headquarters, on the occasion of the Spring Equinox meditation for world peace. The proposal was distributed to those present at the meditation, now traditionally held by the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation, and lead by Professor Ngawang Sherap, from the Foundation.
38. Catholic University Nijmegen, Netherlands, on the 29th of April 1997. The Proposal was presented by Lama Gangchen during a conference on self-healing and non-formal education, held before a university audience of 400 students, professors and members of the general public. A solid basis for interfaith dialogue with the university was established between Lama Gangchen and Prof. Hol Hogema for the Catholic University.
39. European Parliament, Bruxelles, Belgium, on the 29th of May 1997. During an official invitation to the European Parliament Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal to several EEC representatives.
40. Villa Ada, Global Village - Bagni di Lucca, Italy, on the 6th of June 1997. On the occasion of a peace celebration with the World Peace Prayer Society Flag ceremony and the placing of a Peace Pole at Villa Ada – official inauguration of the "Global Village"- the Proposal was presented to the Mayor of Bagni di Lucca.
41. Dorset, England, from the 12th to the 17th 1997. On occasion of the second Solstice World Peace Prayer Celebration at Stonehenge and Summer Festival at Gaunts House.
42. San Francisco, Stanford University, USA, from the 22nd to the 27th of June 1997. Participation of L.G.W.P.F. at United Religions Initiative-URI.
43. Ulaan Baator, Mongolia, from the 27th to the 29th of August 1997. First International Congress for a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace, Alternative Medicines and Non-Formal Education. Presented to His Excellency the President of Mongolia, and later, to a large audience at the newly rebuilt 27m high Open Eye Chenrezig statue at Ganden Teckchenling Monastery.
44. United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA, on the 16th of September 1997. Presented on the occasion of the International Peace Day celebrations and the Equinox peace meditation held at the Dag Hammerskjod Meditation hall.
45. ISER, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on the 24th of September 1997. Presented at ISER (Instituto de Estudos da Religião - Institute for Religious Studies) during a lecture entitled "Religions United for World Peace".
46. Sao Paulo, Brazil, Hebraica, on the 5th of October 1997. On the occasion of the Third International Ecological and Ecumenical Encounter for Word Peace, the Round Table discussion for the United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace was attended by over 50 participants representing over 30 organizations, among which the Jewish Community, Brasilian Catholic Church, Jewish-Christian Fraternity, Muslim Benefit Society of Sao Paulo, Paz Gaia, Hare Krishna, A.C.I. Ananda Marga, Theosophic Society, Condomblé, Nossa Senhora do Sion, Projeto Salúde Alegria

(Amazon), Mãe Beata De Iemanjá, Centro de Alquimia Interior, Nova Tribo Cultural (Indigenous representative), Brahma Kumaris, Himalayan Amazon Andes Healing Arts Association, Himalayan Healing Center (Nepal), Rosa Cruz Fraternity, Anthroprosophic Society, Shamanism, Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Centre Shide Choe Tsog, Brazilian Association for Anthroprosophic medicine, House of Reconciliation - Catholic, International Buddhist Progress Society, Gnose, Israelitan Paulistian Congregation, Catholic Franciscans, Unification of the Planet, Culto Afro-Brasiliero.

47. Presidential Palace, Santiago, Chile, on the 10th of October 1997. Presented to Minister J.J. Brunner, Secretary General of the Chilean Government, during a private meeting, who subsequently brought the proposal to the attention of His Excellency the President of Chile.

48. Local Forum, Santiago, Chile, on the 12th of October 1997. Twenty-seven representatives of religious/spiritual organisations were present. Several projects have been initiated by the local forum, such as: the proposal for a peace television for Chile; the introduction of non-formal education into the existing educational system; and bringing the importance of the local spiritual forum to the attention of the Chilean Government.

49. UNIC, Buenos Aires, Argentina, on the 14th of October 1997. The second reunion for the United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace Proposal organized by the L.G.W.P.F. was chaired by Mr Angel Escudero de Paz, Director of UNIC-Argentina and Uruguay, in the presence of Lama Gangchen and representatives of Brahma Kumari; Orden Sufi Nagshlandi; Temple Chong Kuan (Buddhist); Jewish Community; Community of studies of the first Nations of America (Indigenous People); "Groupo de Contactos Alejandria" Humanistic Movement; Centro Sri Sathya, NGO Sanitaria (Spain).

50. Caracas, Venezuela, on the 29th of October 1997. Lama Gangchen was invited by the Catedra UNESCO for a Peace Culture' to present the Proposal during an inter-religious meeting at the Peace Monument to inaugurate the activities in preparation of the inter-religious and inter-cultural conference which is to be held in Caracas in April 1998.

51. Himalayan Healing Centre in Kathmandu, Nepal, from the 26th to the 28th of February 1998. On the occasion of the second International Congress on Alternative Medicines and Non-Formal Education, organised by the L.G.W.P.F - in honour of Nepal's Year for Tourism O98 - with the high patronage of the Ministry for Tourism and Civil Aviation and the Baneswor Lions Club, Nepal.

52. Caracas, Venezuela, Regional Inter-religious and Inter-Cultural Conference, 19th to 23rd of April 1998. Organized by UNESCO Chair - Planeta Libre for United Religions Initiative (URI), with the participation of 65 representatives from 17 different faiths and religious organizations

53. Gaunts House, England, Interfaith Conversations, 18th to the 23rd of June 1998. The five day event centered around panel discussions as well as prayers and meditations for World Peace. A Flag and peace pole ceremony with the World Peace Prayer Society (WPPS) was held with the participation of Sister Jayanti (Brahma Kumaris), Mrs Rabia Joyce Purcell (Commonwealth Parliament Ass.), Rabbi Cliff Cohen, Swami Saradananda, Rt Rev Christopher Budd (Bishop of Plymouth), Tii Antonio Chiriap (Shaman from the indiginous Shuar community of Pikiur in the Ecuadorian Amazon), Indarajit Singh (Hon Director of the Sikh organisations in UK and rep. at UN Assoc. Religious Advisory Council), Jehangir Sarosh (Zoroastrian co-chairman of the World Conference of Religions for Peace), Rev. Mother Catarina Boyer OSB (Catholic). A special world peace and prayer ceremony was held at Stonehenge to celebrate the summer solstice.

54. House of Lords, London, England, on the 17th of June 1998. Lama Gangchen was invited to speak about and present the work of the Spiritual Forum for World Peace to the seminar on "Policy, Ethics and Values" organised by the International Institute of Peace Studies and Global Philosophy, hosted by Lord McNair.

55. Belem, Brazil, Municipal Town Hall, on July 22nd 1998. Lama Gangchen was personally received by the Mayor of the City, Mr Edmilson Brito Rodrigues, who is very much interested in the project and in a collaboration of the city of Belem with the L.G.W.P.F. for a project on religious tolerance, peace and environmental awareness to be launched by the end of this year. The first public meeting in Belem was attended by approx. 200 participants from various faiths, peace organizations, environmentalist groups, indigenous people's representatives and religious institutions.

56. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, SESCE conference hall, July 25th 1998. The meeting was organised in collaboration with ISER and URI (United Religions Initiative). The opening speech was delivered by the United Nations Representative, Dr Aurilio Ruiz Minagorre, who was very appreciative and supportive of this initiative. Representatives of various indigenous tribes from the Amazon, of more than 12 religious faiths and various peace initiatives actively participated.

57. Brasilia, Brazil, July 29th 1998. In Brasilia Lama Gangchen had private meetings with the Secretary for Human Rights at the Ministery of Justice, Dr Jose Gregori, and with the Governor of the Federal District, Cristovam Buarque, who warmly welcomed all his peace projects and requested him to extend his activities to Brasilia.

58. Floranopolis, Brazil, at the State Bank of the State of St Catarina, July 31st 1998. The third local forum meeting

was held with the participation of 14 religious representatives, environmental associations and the non-violence movement; 150 people participated in the public meeting.
59. Sao Paulo, Brazil, at the Hebraica, August 2nd 1998. The fourth annual meeting for the Spiritual Forum for World Peace was held at the Hebraica in Sao Paulo dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The organizational meeting was attended by 60 members of 18 different faiths.
60. Sao Paulo, 9th World Congress of IAEWP, August 3rd to the 7th 1998. The Proposal was warmly received as a contribution towards the development of international peace education for a culture of Peace.
61. Sao Paulo, Legion of Goodwill, Rio de Janeiro August 8th 1998. Lama Gangchen was invited to the annual celebrations of LGW, attended by over 1500 people. The president of this international UN affiliated NGO, Jose Piava Netto, offered support and active collaboration in the Proposal.
62. Santiago, Chile, ECLAC, August 11th 1998. Lama Gangchen had a private meeting with the Executive Secretary of ECLAC, Dr Jose Antonio Ocampo for discussing future potential for the realization of the proposal.
63. Santiago, Chile, August, 14th 1998. Private meeting with the Bishop of Santiago, Francisco Javier Errazuriz, to discuss the Proposal.
64. Santiago, Chile, August 15th 1998. Lama Gangchen attended the eighteenth meeting of the local spiritual forum in which specific projects for a Chilean Peace Television, peace education projects etc. were concluded.
65. Olinda, Brasil, Society of Artists and Workers, on the 17th and 18th of August 1998. Meeting with the Abbot of the Benedictine Monastery of Olinda, and the Mayor of Olinda.
66. Paris, France, UNESCO, on the 23rd of September 1998. Lama Gangchen met with UNESCO's Director General, Federico Mayor-Zaragoza and presented him with the Proposal.
67. London, England, House of Lords, on the 28th of September 1998. Lama Gangchen was invited back to a special meeting of the forum on "Policy, Ethics and Values" which saw the launch of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Peace and Reconciliation and the launch in the United Kingdom of a local chapter of the Spiritual Forum for World Peace, working in association with the International Institute of Peace Studies and Global Philosophy and the Multifaith and Multicultural Mediation Service.
68. Monastery of Saint Giovanni, Parma; and Monastery of Saint Anselmo, Rome, Italy, on the 3rd and 6th of October 1998. During a Hindu-Christian interfaith conference "People of Peace in a World of War", Lama Gangchen presented the Proposal and took part in a panel discussion.
69. Vatican, Rome, on the 7th of October 1998. Lama Gangchen personally presented the Proposal to H.H. Pope John Paul II.
70. New York, USA; 4th of November 1998. An original copy of the Spiritual Forum Report 1995 to 1998 "A solution for the Third Millennium" in nine languages was presented to Mr Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations.
71. United Nations, New York, USA, November 5th 1998. A Solution for the Third Millennium - a "Golden Book" of the Proposal for the creation of a permanent spiritual forum for world peace at the United Nations translated into nine languages, with a full report of its activities from 1995 -1998, was presented to the Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, Mrs Sorensen, for the Secretary General Mr Kofi Annan.
72. United Nations, New York November 18th 1998. On the occasion of the Unveiling of a lifesize elephant sculpture gifted to the United Nations by three elephant countries, namely: Kenya, Namibia and Nepal, received by Secretary General, a peace Sand mandala featuring traditional religious and spiritual symbols for global peace and harmony, as emphasised in the "United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace". Was presented to the United Nations, and received by Mrs Sorensen for the Secretary General.
73. National Council of Churches in Australia, Sidney, Australia, 25th of November 1998. This first meeting for the proposal of a United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace in Australia, was attended by some fifty religious leaders, representatives of peace organizations, as well as indigenous and environmental care organizations; namely: Bishops of the Armenian Church, Quakers, Bahai, Marthamine Church and United Churches of Australia; the Buddhist Council and the Buddhist Federation of Australia; Muslim Women's Association; Director of the National Council of Churches of Australia; World Council of Churches, and so forth.
74. World Buddhist Hindu Solidarity Foundation, Kathmandu, Nepal, 10th of March 1999.
75. Residence of H.E. The Right Honorable Prime Minister of Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal, 11th of March 1999. During a meeting with His Excellency the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Nepal, Mr G.P. Koirala and thirty Ministers and Members of Parliamant, Lama Gangchen presented the Prime Minister with the Millennium Peace Award, and discussed the proposal.
76. Rotary Club of Colli Briantei, Italy, on the 16th of March 1999. Inter-religious dialogue with representatives of Islamic, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist traditions.
77. United Nations Earth Day Celebrations, New York, USA; 20th of March 1999. On the occasion of the ringing of

the Peace Bell by Lama Gangchen, the proposal was presented to the Canadian and Iranian Ambassadors to the United Nations.
78. Lions Club, Asti, Italy; 15th of April 1999. "Cultures, Races and Minority Religions" panel discussion to encourage inter-religious dialogue and awareness among cultures, during which the proposal was presented and received unanimous support as a positive solution.
79. Abbey of Chiaravalle, Italy; April 1999. Christian-Buddhist ecumenical dialogue organised by the Abbott of the ancient Cisterian Monastery of Chiaravalle and a group of Buddhist monks, representing Lama Gangchen, during which the proposal was presented.
80. Unesco Headquarters, Paris, France; 22nd to 24th of April 1999. The proposal was presented as part of a symposium organised by the International Association of Educators for World Peace and the Council on Human Rights and Religious Freedom under the heading "Mutual Respect and Cultural Dialogue for Peace".
81. Loano, Italy; 24th of April 1999. The proposal was presented to the Mayors of Francheville and Loano, Archbishop Monsignor Giuseppe Pittau, on the occasion of the twinning of the two cities. Lama Gangchen was the guest of honour and received Honorary Citizenship in gratitude for his dedicated efforts for peace and reconciliation worldwide.
82. Crespi Japanese Bonsai, Parabiago, Italy; 25th of April 1999. "Meetings between East and West" conference, during which the prospects of the proposal were discussed by Lama Gangchen and Monsignor Francesco Fumagalli.
83. Université Libre des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, France; May 1999. Public presentation of the proposal to the university board in Madrid, Spain.
84. The Hague, Holland; 11th to 15th of May 1999. Public presentation of the proposal during the "Hague Appeal for Peace" conference. The proposal was further personally presented to HRH Queen Noor of Jordan and Jose Ramos Horta, Nobel for Peace. A special Interfaith meeting of prayer and meditation was held at the historical synagogue of the Hague, organised by Rabbi Awraham Soendorp, President of the United Nations of Youth Foundation and P.N. Bawa Jain, Director of the Interfaith Centre of New York, USA, with participants from Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Brahma Kumari and Sufi traditions.
85. Crans Montana Forum, Switzerland; 24th to 27th of June 1999. 10th international anniversay meeting, which included a special section dedicated to the "Holy Year 2000" during which the proposal was discussed, including the participation of Mr Shimon Shetreet, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Rector dalil Boubakeur, Institute of the Mosque, Paris, France; Monsignor Richard Mathes, Charge of the Holy See in Jerusalem. The Spiritual Forum Report 1995 to 1998 "A solution for the Third Millennium" in nine languages was given to all participants to the Forum.
86. NGO Conference on the "Role of NGOs in the 21st Century", Seoul, S. Korea, 10 to 14th of October, 1999. Presentation of a workshop on the creation of Spiritual Forum with the participation of Korean, Theravadan and Mahayana buddhism, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Islam and Brahma Kumaris representatives as well as a group representing youth. Full support for the project was received by H.S. Shah Sufi M.N. Alam, President, World Spiritual Assembly.
87. Tiberis, Israle, October 1999.
88. Rotary Club, Milan, Italy, October 1999. Interreligious Round Table discussion centred on the Spiritual Forum theme, chaired by Monsignor Fumagalli.
89. United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA; 21st of October 1999. "The Spiritual work of the United Nations: Building a planetary consciousness" discussion on the evolution of the proposal's effective implementation. Keynote presentations were made by Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, World Bank Special Representative to the UN; Rev. Deborah Moldow, Executive Director, World Peace Prayer Society; Luciano Meira, Executive Director, Legion of Goodwill; Dr Nina Meyerhof, Children of the Earth.
90. Comiso, Ragusa, Italy; November 1999; at the former Nato base transformed into a refugee camp for 10.000 Kosovans. On the occasion of the 10th International Peace Education Congress with the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation as a representative of spirituality in education.
91. Millennium Celebrations at Borobudur Stupa, Indonesia; December 31 - Space Training 1999. Lighting of 100.000 peace candles and peace prayers dedicated to the success of a Spiritual Forum at the United Nations in the new millennium, with the participations of international organisations.
92. Lions Club, Milan, Italy; on the 10th of January 2000. Round Table discussion on inter-religious dialogue, with the participation of Don A. Casolo Diagonsi; Father Fantini, Russian Orthodox Church; Lama Gangchen, Western Tibetan Buddhism; Alu Schuetz, Islamic Union Community; Li Fiano, President, Hebraic Community of Milan. The proposal was well received and seen as a truly positive solution.
93. Milan, Italy; 15th of January 2000. Discussion with the Representative of "Documentation for Religions" organization, Milan, as to the prospects of the proposal and possible collaboration in Italy.
94. Graz City Hall, Austria; 30th of January 2000. Meeting with Alfred Stingl, Mayor of the City; a dedicated

promoter of local interfaith dialogue, has built several temples of different religious traditions in the city.
95. Kathmandu, Nepal, 12th to 13 February 2000. LGWPF Fourth International Congress on Alternative Medicines, Non-Formal Education and the proposal for the creation of a UNSFWP. Prospects for the development of the proposal were discussed by several representatives of different organizations, such as: Prof Charles Mercieca, President, International Association of Educators for World Peace, USA; Phakk Boosoong, Dhammakaya Foundation, Thailand; Dr Nina Meyerhof, Children of the Earth, USA; Cristina Arismendy, UNFPA, India; Prof. B.R. Thapa, Nepal Institute of United Nations and UNESCO, and others; as well as members of the Nepalese Government and the Royal Committee.
96. Dhammakaya Foundation, Thailand; 21st of February 2000. Special meeting with the Venerable Abbot and Vice-Abbot of Dhammakaya Foundation with Ben Shalom, Jubillennium; to give active collaboration for the support of the proposal.
97. United Nations, Vienna, Austria; 20th of March 2000. The proposal was presented to participants and members of the press, on the occasion of the ringing of the Peace Bell, as well as to Austrian Airlines on the occasion of the presentation of the "Peace Messenger 2000" Award to the airline company by the Lama Gangchen World Peace Foundation.
98. Dhammakaya Foundation, Thailand; 22nd and 23rd of April 2000. Earth Day Celebrations and Inauguration of the Dhammakaya Cetiya, with over 200.000 Buddhist participants. A special "International Buddhist Forum" meeting was held for the support of the UNSFWP, joined by Buddhist representatives of all main schools of Buddhism from over ten nations.
99. Riccione, Italy 1st May 2000. Italian Yoga Federation, "Science and Spirituality towards the third millennium". UNSPFWP panel discussion, Father Maximilian Mizzi, Intern. Francescan Center for Inter-religious Dialogue, Assisi; Swami Veda Bharati, India, Geshe Phende Tibet, Dr Marco Margnelli, Italy.
100. UNSPFWP Madrid, Spain, 4th May 2000. Mr Javier Solis, Ambassador of Costa Rica in Spain, accepts the position of Honorary President of the Spanish Forum in support of the proposal.
101. 9th Annual LGWPF Congress, Madrid, Spain, 6th May 2000. Public appeal for the proposal and the UNESCO program for a Culture of Peace.
102. Albagnano Healing Meditation Center, Italy, 9th May 2000. Prayer for the realization of such a forum for the benefit of World Peace by representatives from Thailand, Taiwan and Tibet/ China of the three major schools of Buddhism, Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana.
103. Vesak Celebration, Florence, Italy, 27/28 May 2000. Organized by the Italian Buddhist Union (UBI), the proposal was presented to participants.
104. Albagnano Meditation Centre, Italy, 3rd June 2000. Prayer for the realization of such a forum for the benefit of World Peace by H.H. Trijang Rinpoche, H.E. Gonsar Rinpoche, Rabten Rinpoche, Mr Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, and over 200 participants.
105. Presentation to Hon. Marco Zacchera, Chamber of Deputies, Verbania, Italy, 12th June 2000.
106. IAEWP World Congress, London, England, 14-18 June 2000. UNSPFWP was discussed as an important contribution to World Peace during the opening celebrations on June 14th.
107. State of the World Forum, 9th September 2000, New York, USA. Special section of the three day Forum is dedicated to the discussion on the realization of the proposal: "Making the World Spiritual Forum a Reality: a road map for Action".
108. Rotary Club, Beijing, China, meeting at Kempinski Hotel, 12th September 2000. The proposal was presented the Club members and diplomats.
109. "Religions for Peace in the Spirit of Assisi", Appeal for Peace to the City of Milan, 24th of October 2000. Organized by the Center for Documentation of Religions, Cardinal Martini, Rabbi Serat from Paris, Lama Denis from France and Shah S. Represented the panel discussion, all different religious representatives of Milan constituted the peace appeal, signed in public and handed over to the Mayor of Milan. The proposal was presented to representatives of different faiths.
110. World Conference for Religions and Peace, Milan, Italy, 25th October 2000. Held a meeting opening the possibility for creating an office in Milan. The proposal was presented to the representatives.
111. International Federation of Human Rights, National Congress, Caserta, 27/28 October 2000. The proposal received great interest from a large audience.
112. Chung Hua, Taiwan, 8th November 2000. Second meeting with the Mayor of the City, who expressed great interest in the proposal.
113. Chiayi, Taiwan, 9th Nov 2000. Public Peace Cuture event during which the Mayor of the City received the proposal and together with Lama Gangchen light a peace light for World Peace.
114. Taichung, Taiwan, 11th Nov 2000. Public Peace Culture event in the stadium, attended by all major

government officials of the city, including the Mayor of the City. The proposal was read in public.
115. Taipei, Taiwan. Private meetings with Party spokesman and members, who showed great in interest in the UNSPFWP and some of whom joined.
116. Kaushung, Taiwan. Private meeting and Public Peace Culture event, 16th Nov. 2000, on both occasions the Mayor of the city and City council members expressed great support for the proposal as contribution towards world peace.
117. Tauyuan, Taiwan, City Council Meeting, 17th November 2000. City Council Members warmly welcomed the initiative.
118. Paris, UNESCO, France. Conference on "Unity in Diversity", celebrating the 25th anniversary of the European Buddhist Union, organized in collaboration with the United Religions Initiative, 18/19 November 2000.
119. Madrid, Spain, First International Conference for a Culture of Peace, 11-13 December 2000.
120. Sao Paulo, Brazil, 11th January 2001. UNSPFWP meeting with over 40 representatives of different faiths, discussing further development of the project in Brazil.
121. United Nations, ECLAC, Santiago Chile, 23rd January 2001. Five year commemoration meeting held in the same hall where it was first launched on June 8th 1995. The meeting as chaired by Jose Antonio Ocampo, Executive Secretary of CEPAL, Heins Petrus, Alfredo Sfeir-Younis representative of the World Bank to the United Nations in Geneva; Gerardo Gonzales, Project Director, Lama Gangchen and representatives of different faiths.
122. Dhammakaya Foundation UN-NGO, Thailand, 9th February 2001. Lama Gangchen and Alfredo Sfeir-Younis meeting with Ven. Abbot and representatives of DKF for future collaboration on the proposal.
123. 5th International Congress "The Role of Spirituality in the New Millennium", Kathmandu, Nepal, 25th February 2001. Presentation of the Proposal.
124. Lumbini Development Trust, Lumbini, Nepal, 28th February 2001. Presentation of the Proposal for collaboration.
125. International Interfaith Center, Oxford, UK, 16-18 March 2001. More then seventy people from about 50 organizations gathered mainly focusing on the issues of inter-ethic and inter-religious conflicts, the proposal was presented and considered.
126. World Citizen Assembly 2001, Grand Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan, 30 March - 3 April, 2001. International meeting of United Nation NGO, Cultural Celebration and ringing and signing of the Peace Bell at the Taipei Stadium.
127. Presidential Palace in Taipei, Taiwan, 3rd April 2001. Given to Vice President of Taiwan.
128. Beijing, China, 24 August 2001. Read spiritual forum proposal with Lama Nyompa and Chaulin Monk.
129. Conference on Spirituality in Tourism, Assisi, Italy, 13-17 October 2001. In the footsteps of St. Francis.
130. World Peace Praying Association, Taipei, Taiwan, 17 November 2001. First Annual Conference towards the creation of a Spiritual Forum for World Peace at the United nations, Charles Mercieca.
131 Villadossola, Italy, 24th January 2002. Inter-religious forum on "Different roads towards the path of Peace".
132. World Social Forum, Porto Alegre, Brazil, from 30th January to 5th February 2002. 51.300 special guests from every corner of the world to attend the World Social Forum, LGWPF participated in Panel on Inter-religious dialogue presenting the Proposal.
133. Vishwa Shanti Vihar, World Peace Buddhist School, Kathmandu, Nepal, 28 February 2002. Acknowledges the resolution adopted by the General Assembly, 54/115 of 8 Feb. 2000, with regards to the recognition of the Day of Vesak at the United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations offices and expressed great interest in the proposal.
134. Human Rights Commission 58th Session, UN Geneva, 20th March 2002. Organized by IAEWP, LGWPF, Global Open University, Tribal Link Foundation with the participation of Nepal Ambassador to UN Shambhu R. Simkhada, Helen Sayers Brahma Kumaris, Alfredo Sfeir-Younis Special Rep. Of the World Bank to the UN and WTO in Geneva, Lama Gangchen.
135. International Peace Prayer Day, New Mexico, USA, 16 June 2002.
136. International Association for Religious Freedom, Budapest, Hungary, 28 July - 2 August, 2002. 31st World Congress bringing together some 700 participants from all over the world for inter-faith dialogue, during which the proposal was presented.
137. Albagnano, Italy 3 May & Tashi Delek Space, Milan, Italy, 4th May 2003. Exhibition of the Sacred Buddha Relics and Golden Stupa donated to the United Nations by Thailand, Sri Lanka and Myanmar in occasion of the International recognition of the Day of Vesak by the UN. Presentation of the proposal to a large gathering of different Buddhist representatives, Ambassadors, and other religious representatives.
138. Verbania-Pallanza, Italy 16-18 May 2003. 13th World Congress of the International Association of Educators for World Peace.
139. SESC Pompeia, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 19th June 2003. Interfaith Celebration and Exhibition of the Sacred Buddha Relics and Golden Stupa donated to the United Nations by Thailand, Sri Lanka and Myanmar in occasion of the

International recognition of the Day of Vesak by the UN.
140. United Nations, ECLAC, Santiago, Chile, 26th June 2003. Interfaith Celebration and Exhibition of the Sacred Buddha Relics and Golden Stupa donated to the United Nations by Thailand, Sri Lanka and Myanmar in occasion of the International recognition of the Day of Vesak by the UN.
141. Presented to H.E. The Ambassador or Royal Kingdom of Thailand, Santiago, Chile 30th June 2003.
142. Athens, Greece, 22nd July 2003. Event for Culture, Education and Environmental Protection in collaboration with the Hellenic Academy of Science and Research.
143. Brazil, Petropolis, Crystal Palace, 8th October, 2003. Rotary Club of Imperial City.
144. Milan, Italy, 13th November 2003. Associazione Etica e Communicazione.
145. Chateau de Bossey,Geneva, Switzerland, 8th to 12th May 2004 Workshop. Volunteers for a new Partnership Committee, which will steer the project in its coming stages; they had links to 6 world religions and 6 international interfaith organizations, including the LGWPF. They are in the process of drafting a new collective proposal aimed towards the creation of a spiritual forum for world peace at the United Nations.
146. Villa Giulia-Pallanza, Verbania, Italy 28th to 30th of May 2004. On the occasion of the Second World Congress "Verbania 2004" on Integrated Traditional Medicines for Better Health.
147. Quito, Ecuador, 11 September 2004, City Museum. On the occasion of the exhibition of the sacred Buddha relics.
148. Caracas, Venezuela, Central University of Caracas, Botanic Garden, 18 September 2004. On the occasion of the exhibition of the sacred Buddha relics.
149. Caracas, Venezuela, University of Simon Bolivar, 21 September 2004. On the occasion of the exhibition of the sacred Buddha relics.
150. Porto Seguro, Brazil, 6 October 2004.
151. Vientienne, Laos, 7 March 2005. At the Wat Ongtu Mahavihar the proposal was presented to the Ven High Priest of Laos.
152. Hanoi, Vietnam, 10 March 2005. At the Buddhist Society of Vietnam the proposal was presented and discussed with the president Ven. Hoa Thien Pho Tue.
153. Chateau de Bossey, Geneva, Switzerland, 2 to 5th May 2005. Second Partnership Committee Meeting.
154. Milan, Italy, 6th of May 2005. Inter-religious meeting held on the occasion of the Buddhist Festival of Vesak.
155. III World Congress "Verbania 2005": Peace Environment for Your Health, June 3rd -5th 2005, Police Academy, Ministry of Justice, Verbania-Pallanza, Lake Maggiore, Italy. Speaking about Lama Gangchen's proposal during the Congress, H.E. Hernan Escudero Martinez, Ambassador of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the programme of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and Vice-president of the 61st session of the Committee of Human Rights on behalf of GRULAC (Latin America and Pacific Regional Group), has pledged his support to bring the proposal to the General Assembly for consideration together with other United Nations Member States.
156. Mongolia, Ulan Bator, 28.9.2005. Lama Gangchen was invited to conduct the inaugural prayer ceremony for a 17m high Buddha statue donated to the country by Guru Deva Rinpoche. The Ceremony was presided over by H.E. the Prime Minister Elbegdorj and H.E. The Environment Minister of Mongolia Barsbold.
157. Varese, Italy, Rotary Club, 9 January 2006.
158. Kathmandu Nepal, Feb. 2006. Meeting with H.E. The Minister of Finance Mr. Roop Jyoti, at his Ministry office.
159. Milan, Italy, 21 March 2006. Participation in the founding of the inter-religious association, Religions in Milan.
160. Hang Zhou, China, 12-16 April 2006. Participation in the "First World Buddhism Forum" that promoted "a harmonious world beginning in the mind", just as the proposal promotes "inner peace is the most solid foundation for world peace". I was a rich occasion to share the proposal with several prominent participants, such as Mr. Ye Xiao Wen, Minister for Religious Affairs and others. 161. Tortona, Italy, 29 April 2006 Tortona Religione: Verso una civilta dell'amore. Inter-religious Conference, Religion towards a world of Love. Roundtable with: Don Giovanni D'Ercole Italian Gen. Secrtray of the Vactican State, Giuseppe Laras President of the Assembly of Rabbis in Italy, Gabriele Mandel Khan Head of the Sufi order Jerrhi-Halveti in Italy (in collaboration with the City of Tortona, Diocesi di Tortona, Region of Piemonte, Province of Alessandria, Fondazione cassa di risparmio di Tortona)
162. IV World Congress "Verbania 2006" Police Academy, Ministery of Justice, Verbania-Pallanza, Lake Maggiore, Italy, 8-11 June 2006.
163. United Nations, New York, USA, 8 September 2006. On the occasion of the handing over of the Memorial World Peace Stupa to the United Nations, donated by the countries of Thailand, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar for the International recognition of the Day of Vesak. Presented the Proposal to Mr. Mollock Brown, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations
164. Hong Kong, 6 October 2006. Meeting with Mr. Patrick Ho, Secretary for Home Affairs, to discuss about the proposal and an inter-religious forum in Hong Kong.

165. Hong Kong, Western Monastery, 8 October 2006. Visit Venerable Shi Kuan Yun to exchange about the proposal and the creation of on inter-religious event in Hong Kong.
166. Milan, Italy, 27.Oct. 2006. Meeting Mr. Romiti, the president of the Italia-China Association.
167. Sao Paulo, Brazil, Government of the State of Sao Paulo, Secretary of Justice and Defense of the citizens. 16 November 2006. Meeting with Evana Beiguelman Kramer discussing about the common aims and mutual collaborations with regards to the initiative of the secretariat to set up an inter-religious forum for a culture of peace and the freedom of believe in Sao Paulo and about the proposal.
168. Formal Partnership Committee meeting at Chateau de Bossey towards the creation of a permanent spiritual forum for world peace at the UN, Geneva, Switzerland May 2007
169. UN Vesak, Bangkok, Thailand 2007.
170. Xian Dialogue, China, 10-11 October 2007, HRH Price Carlos de Bourbon de Parme, Former Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers.
171. Guayaquil, Ecuador, Clima Latino, Mayor of Guayaquil Jaime Nebot, Osvaldo Canzani, IPCC Nobel Prize Laureat 2007, 15 October 2007.
172. Quito, Ecuador, at Clima Latino, President of Ecuador, Rafael Correa, and also the Vice President Mr.Lenin Moreno 17 October 2007.
173. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at San Benton on 29 November 2007, private meeting with San Clemente, Seniro Abbor of the oldest church of Brazil.
174. Chateau de Bossey, Geneva-Switzerland January 2008. Interreligious consultation to develop a consensual proposal for a United Nations "Decade for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace", which brought together representatives of all major interreligious organisations worldwide as well as Member State representatives and ambassadors, organised by the Partnership Committee.
174. Vesak Celebrations with the exhibition of the Holy Buddha relics from Sri Lanka in Milan, Torino and Belvedere Langhe, Italy.
175. Hanoi Vietnam 13-17 May 2008, United Nations Vesak Day Celebrations.
176. Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, 18th International IAEWP congress Oct. 28-31 2008.
177. Feb 2009 President of the Republic of Nepal, H.E. Dr. Ram Jaran Yadav.
178. The Hague, Holland 18-19 March 2009, "Cultural Diversity as catalyst for citizenship, creativity and communication, organized by the Foundation China-Europe Dialogue & Exchange for Sustainable Development.
179. II World Buddhist Forum hosted at the Lingshan Buddha Palace in Wuxi, China and Taipei, Taiwan 26 March to 2 April 2009.
180. Vesak Milan, 5 May 2009.
181. Brazil Sao Paolo, Private Reception on 26 November 2009
with Maria da Silva, Minister for Environment and many honorable guests
182. Italy, Monza, Teatrino di Corte di Villa Reale, 6 May 2010
Interreligious conference ?In Search for meaning: Environment and Ethics: different religious approaches and juxtapositions? organized by Centro di Etica Ambientale in collaboration with the Region of Lombardy.
183. Vesak Milano with inter-religious prayer, KLG, May 2010
184. Nepal Kathmandu 4 March 2011
Presented to H.E. Ambassador of Bangladesh in Nepal. Mr. Neem Chandra Bhowmik
On the occasion of receiving the Atisha Gold Medal Peace Award from Ven. Suddhananda Mahathero presented in Dhaka on occasion of the inauguration of a large Standing Buddha Statue on Feb 23. 2011
185. Sao Paolo Brazil, 6 April 2011 Spiritual Forum gathering at Dharma Centre Shide Choe Tsog
With the presence of the Secretary of Justice of Sao Paolo Mrs. Eloisa Arruda and 34 representatives of different faiths and 108 participants dedicating for victims of the Fukushima Nuclear disaster and for a resolution towards abandoning Nuclear Power
186. Vesak Kunpen Lama Gangchen, 12 May 2011 Inter-religious Prayers dedicated for World Peace, Milan, Italy
187. Vesak 2012 - Inter-religious Prayers dedicated for World Peace, Albagnano Healing Meditation Centre, Italy

Lama Gangchen hopes that the Proposal for a Permanent United Nations Spiritual Forum for World Peace can be a solution both for now and towards creating a culture of peace in the third millennium!

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Secretary-General's message
UN Day 2015 - 70th anniversary

National flags are a mark of pride and patriotism in every country around the world. But there is only one flag that belongs to all of us. That blue flag of the United Nations was a banner of hope for me growing up in wartime Korea.

Seven decades after its founding, the United Nations remains a beacon for all humanity.

Every day, the United Nations feeds the hungry and shelters those driven from their homes.

The United Nations vaccinates children who would otherwise die from preventable diseases.

The United Nations defends human rights for all, regardless of race, religion, nationality, gender or sexual orientation.

Our peacekeepers are on the frontlines of conflict; our mediators bring warriors to the peace table; our relief workers brave treacherous environments to deliver life-saving assistance.The United Nations works for the entire human family of seven billion people, and cares for the earth, our one and only home.

And it is the diverse and talented staff of the United Nations who help bring the Charter to life.

The 70th anniversary is a moment to recognize their dedication - and to honour the many who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The world faces many crises, and the limits of collective international action are painfully clear. Yet no single country or organization can address today's challenges alone.

The timeless values of the UN Charter must remain our guide. Our shared duty is to "unite our strength" to serve "we the peoples".

To mark this anniversary, monuments and buildings across the world are being illuminated in UN blue. As we shine a light on this milestone anniversary, let us reaffirm our commitment to a better and brighter future for all

LGWPF UN Representatives Lelia O'Connor and Rick Peterson during the 70th Anniversary celebrations held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA.

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VISION STATEMENT

70 Years Anniversary of the United Nations
"Human Dignity for All: The Road to Spiritual Renaissance"

Seventy years ago, the United Nations emerged as a result of a dream which gave hope to the world at a time when people were in despair after two devastating wars. The dream envisioned the newly-founded United Nations as ushering in the liberation of humanity into a new era of peace, justice and cooperation. The quest for peace was based on universality and spirituality as an essential foundation for all that we have to do as human beings, and produced the Preamble of the UN Charter which underscored fundamental human rights and the dignity and worth of each human person and each nation.

In the UN's early history, UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold stressed the relevance of these values by his words: "Unless there is a spiritual renaissance, the world will know no peace."

It was UN Secretary-General Koffi Anan who declared that universal values are deeply ingrained in the human spirit itself, therefore he stated that 'It is no wonder that the same values animate the Charter of the United Nations, and lie at the root of our search for world peace'. Both understood the potency of coupling spirituality with the practical means of ensuring human beings' basic needs.

Eleanor Roosevelt, the first Chair of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, actively supported universal values and equality in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in the spirit of brotherhood." The acceptance of the oneness of the human family compels us to overcome our individual differences for the benefit of humanity.

In a new era, seventy years after the founding of the United Nations, UN Secretary-General Ban-ki Moon, in his Synthesis Report on "Human Dignity for All", is calling for a new vision and responsive framework for Sustainable Development, which will require a universal agenda with profound economic transformations and global partnership. His appeal calls for bringing together the full range of human aspirations and needs to ensure a life of dignity for all and for activating the unity required to realize the dream of the UN Charter.

As we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations, looking beyond 2015, many today affirm the role of spirituality and values in transcending boundaries of religion, ethnicity, gender and nationality. This aspiration compels us to tackle common global concerns in a positive, transformative way and "live together in peace with one another - thus realizing the core objectives of the United Nations Charter and the Declaration of Human Rights.

Remarks for unveiling of "Enlightened Universe"

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, New York (USA), 24 October 2015

Welcome to this celebration of United Nations Day!

The United Nations is 70 years old today. For seven decades, the United Nations has served as a beacon of hope for people the world over.

As we mark this milestone, we have the honour to join in the unveiling of an installation, Enlightened Universe, created by the renowned Spanish artist Cristobal Gabarrón.

This structure behind us depicts the great hope that all of us have invested in the United Nations.

The 70 figures surrounding the globe represent the 7.3 billion humans living on Earth today. They also represent the 70 years of the United Nations' life. Their hands are joined in solidarity, to show how we create a more inclusive world. A world in where we have shared values and a shared responsibility to protect our planet.

I am grateful to Mr. Gabarrón for creating this masterpiece and for doing so on his own initiative.
His artistic talent is only matched by the generosity of his spirit and his Foundation.
Thank you all for joining us on this beautiful Saturday afternoon.
I hope you will leave believing that a better future is within reach.
Happy United Nations Day!

Gabarrón Art Installation Unveiled in Central Park on UN Day

"Enlightened Universe", a monumental art installation by Spanish artist Cristóbal Gabarrón was unveiled on Saturday, 24 October, at the Rumsey Playfield in Central Park in New York City in celebration of the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. The commemorative work of art depicts seventy life-size figures joined in hand around a central globe, creating a human chain of global citizenship, respect for nature and shared responsibility. The sphere measures 6,371 millimetres in diameter to correspond to the Earth's average radius of 6,371 kilometres and the figures represent the seventy years of the United Nations.

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68/221. International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies, 2015

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006, on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, particularly paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto, on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, which state that an international year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

Recognizing the importance of light and light-based technologies in the lives of the citizens of the world and for the future development of global society on many levels,

Stressing that enhanced global awareness of and increased education in the science and technologies of light are vital for addressing challenges such as sustainable development, energy and community health, as well as for improving the quality of life in both developed and developing countries,

Considering that the applications of light science and technology are vital for existing and future advances in, inter alia, medicine, energy, information and communications, fibre optics, agriculture, mining, astronomy, architecture, archaeology, entertainment, art and culture, as well as many other industries and services, and that light-based technologies contribute to the fulfilment of internationally agreed development goals, including by providing access to information and increasing societal health and well-being,

Considering also that technology and design can play an important role in the achievement of greater energy efficiency, in particular by limiting energy waste, and in the reduction of light pollution, which is key to the preservation of dark skies,

Noting that 2015 coincides with the anniversaries of a series of important milestones in the history of the science of light, including the works on optics by Ibn Al-Haytham in 1015, the notion of light as a wave proposed by Fresnel in 1815, the electromagnetic theory of light propagation proposed by Maxwell in 1865, Einstein's theory of the photoelectric effect in 1905 and of the embedding of light in

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cosmology through general relativity in 1915, the discovery of the cosmic microwave background by Penzias and Wilson and Kao's achievements concerning the transmission of light in fibres for optical communication, both in 1965,

Considering that the celebration of the anniversaries of these discoveries in 2015 would provide an important opportunity to highlight the continuous nature of scientific discovery in different contexts, with particular emphasis on women's empowerment in the science sector and on promoting science education among young people, especially in developing countries,

Noting that, at its 2013 substantive session, the Economic and Social Council organized its work for the annual ministerial review under the theme "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals",

Reaffirming the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled "The future we want",[1]

Noting the endorsement by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its 190th session of the initiative to proclaim 2015 the International Year of Light and the adoption of that initiative by the General Conference at its thirty-seventh session, on 19 November 2013,[2]

1. *Decides* to proclaim 2015 the International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies;

2. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, mindful of the provisions of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67, to facilitate the organization and implementation of the International Year, in collaboration with Governments, relevant organizations of the United Nations system, the International Council for Science and other relevant academic and non-governmental organizations;

3. *Stresses* that the costs of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution above and beyond activities currently within the mandate of the lead agency should be met from voluntary contributions, including from the private sector;

4. *Encourages* all States, the United Nations system and all other actors to take advantage of the International Year to promote actions at all levels, including through international cooperation, and to increase awareness among the public of the importance of light science, optics and light-based technologies and of promoting widespread access to new knowledge and related activities;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, mindful of the provisions of paragraphs 23 to 27 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67, to inform the General Assembly at its seventy-first session on the implementation of the present resolution, elaborating, inter alia, on the evaluation of the International Year.

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[1] Resolution 66/288, annex.

[2] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Thirty-seventh Session, Paris, 5–20 November 2013*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*, sect. V, resolution 25.

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65/5. World Interfaith Harmony Week

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 53/243 A and B of 13 September 1999 on the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, 57/6 of 4 November 2002 concerning the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, 58/128 of 19 December 2003 on the promotion of religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation, 60/4 of 20 October 2005 on the Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations, 64/14 of 10 November 2009 on the Alliance of Civilizations, 64/81 of 7 December 2009 on the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace, and 64/164 of 18 December 2009 on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief,

Recognizing the imperative need for dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people,

Recalling with appreciation various global, regional and subregional initiatives on mutual understanding and interfaith harmony, including the Tripartite Forum on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace, and the initiative "A Common Word",

Recognizing that the moral imperatives of all religions, convictions and beliefs call for peace, tolerance and mutual understanding,

1. *Reaffirms* that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace;

2. *Proclaims* the first week of February every year the World Interfaith Harmony Week between all religions, faiths and beliefs;

3. *Encourages* all States to support, on a voluntary basis, the spread of the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship during that week, based on love of God and love of one's neighbour or on love of the good and love of one's neighbour, each according to their own religious traditions or convictions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of the implementation of the present resolution.

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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

20 January 2011

Excellencies and Friends,

I wish to draw your attention to a decision taken recently by the General Assembly, which I believe has a unique, historical and unprecedented potential to promote the healing of interfaith tensions in the world. These tensions themselves constitute one of the world's greatest challenges.

On 20 October 2010, the General Assembly adopted by consensus resolution A/65/5 entitled "World Interfaith Harmony Week". The initiative is based on the inclusive yet spiritually essential foundation of "Love of God and the Neighbour and Love of Good and the Neighbour".

At a time when the world is faced with many simultaneous problems – security, environmental, humanitarian and economic – enhanced tolerance and understanding are fundamental for a resilient and vibrant international society. There is an imperative need, therefore, to further reaffirm and develop harmonious cooperation between the world's different faiths and religions.

The resolution "encourages all States to support, on a voluntary basis, the spread of the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship during the first week of February" – proclaimed the World Interfaith Harmony Week – "based on Love of God and Love of Neighbour or on Love of the Good and Love of one's Neighbour, each according to their own traditions and convictions".

I lend my full support to this call and we, at the United Nations, are proud to be the platform for its launch. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein are owed a great debt of gratitude and thanks for their continuing efforts to advance and sustain the promotion of interreligious harmony and world peace.

Finally, while recognizing the call of the General Assembly to be entirely voluntary, my hope is that it will, nonetheless, find the broadest possible observance among Member States of the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

Ki Moon Ban

BAN Ki-moon

World Interfaith Harmony Week and Peace Education

T.Y.S. Lama Gangchen - World Healer

I rejoice in the ever increasing number of meetings organised between the members of different spiritual traditions because I am convinced that interreligious dialogue can offer peace to each and every individual, as well as to the entire world. I also consider it particularly important that, in this day and age, organisations such as the United Nations and UNESCO are opening their doors to spiritual leaders. I am so pleased that the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution initiated by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan for World Interfaith Harmony Week which is annually observed during the first week in February.

What a blessing that this Week actively promotes peace and harmonious engagement between the world's spiritual traditions and religions. We celebrate each occurrence of the World Interfaith Harmony week at the stupa mandala of Borobudur, offerings lights and incense with prayers dedicated to the United Nations and all Member States. I sincerely hope that peace will emerge as the new «fashion» in this millennium, followed and desired by everyone! Many years ago, I left my monastery and the social status reserved in the east for reincarnated spiritual leaders to live in the west. I travel continuously propagating a message of inner peace, self-healing and environmental care. My principal spiritual practice is, in fact, based upon the development of inner peace. I have no knowledge or particular interest in politics; my only wish is to somehow contribute to the creation world peace. We are now in the era of kaliyuga, the age of the five degenerations. The inner worlds of both people and the planet are restless and angry; the elements of the container (the earth) and of the contents (living beings) are seriously imbalanced and polluted. In these times, negative emotions and mistaken viewpoints are prevalent, death arrives all too easily and the global situation is fragile and dangerous.

Throughout history, various secular educational systems have been developed which, in some ways, have proved to be inadequate or difficult to enact. There also exist already many peace structures and systems, which are wonderful, but unfortunately these alone are not sufficient to satisfy all the needs of living beings. For this very reason today, at the beginning of the third millennium, it is necessary for religious leaders to seriously assume responsibility for the future of humanity and the planet by uniting to resolve the innumerable problems which torment the XXI century. It is their responsibility, and that of every practitioner, to build a solid foundation that makes inner peace education available to all.

All spiritual traditions and religions are rich in educational methods to develop inner peace which, however, have no weight in our modern society. To rediscover these ancient peace teachings religious leaders have to present them in a new updated package - adapted to the mentality of the new generations. The development of inner peace is a fundamental necessity of human beings, like food, clothes, shelter... I am certain that the spiritual traditions can save humanity and contribute to the creation of world peace, by putting at the disposition of the planetary community their precious educational methods, after they are repackaged to adequately fulfil the needs of present day lifestyle.

Spiritual traditions can and should make constructive contributions to the harmonious organisation of this world, until the planet is a liveable place for all beings. The super accelerated changes that have deeply affected global society have induced a great number of people to search for peace, health and happiness in the wrong directions. It is the duty of religious leaders to show to them the correct path. They have to work together on areas of common interest, without losing their cultural and philosophical doctrine, to make available all the ideas of their spiritual tradition.

I believe that peace is the wish and objective of everyone - the essence of every religious tradition and the desire of all holy beings. I pray that the World Peace Buddha, Omniscient God, all the divinities and enlightened beings will help us to preserve our ancient inner science techniques, because peace education is the best opportunity we have to attain health and happiness for our children and the future generations of the third millennium.

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK
The Official UN Week 1st Week of February

WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

determined

to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and

to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

and for these ends

to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and

to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims.

accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.

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PREAMBLE TO THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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In 1945, representatives of 50 countries met in San Francisco at the United Nations Conference on International Organisation to draw up the United Nations Charter. The organisation officially came into existence on the 24th of October 1945, when the Charter has been ratified by China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States and a majority of other signatories. United Nations Day is celebrated on the 24th of October.

UN Days, Weeks and Years - International Days and Weeks Since the early days of the United Nations system, the UN has established a set of Days and Weeks (as listed below), Years and Decades to help focus the world on the issues in which the UN has an interest and commitment. The UN calls on Member States and other organizations to mark these days in ways which reflect their priorities.

Sometimes the promotion of a specific day is led by a specific UN agency or programme, for example the World Health Organization (WHO) leads World Health Day and World No-Tobacco Day, UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) leads World Water Day and International Literacy Day, UN Environment Programme (UNEP) leads World Environment Day etc.

Some UN agencies also have their own international days (e.g. WHO's World TB Day and UNESCO's World Philosophy Day), established and promoted by the agency but not designated by the UN General Assembly for the full UN system. While equivalent in purpose, the following list does not include agency-specified days.

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United Nations International days and weeks

JANUARY
27 International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust

FEBRUARY
First Week World Interfaith Harmony Week
4 World Cancer Day (WHO)
20 World Day of Social Justice
21 International Mother Language Day

MARCH
8 International Women's Day
21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
21 World Poetry Day (UNESCO)
21-28 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination
22 World Water Day
23 World Meteorological Day

APRIL
4 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
7 World Health Day
22 International Mother Earth Day
23 World Book and Copyright Day
23-29 UN Global Road Safety Week
26 World Intellectual Property Day (WIPO)
28 World Day for Safety and Health at Work (ILO)
Last week Global Action Week on Education (UNICEF)
Full Moon Day Global Observance of the Day of Vesak

MAY
3 World Press Freedom Day
9-10 World Migratory Bird Day (UNEP)
15 International Day of Families
17 World Information Society Day
21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
22 International Day for Biological Diversity
25-June 1 Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
29 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
31 World No-Tobacco Day

JUNE
4 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
5 World Environment Day
8 World Oceans Day
12 World Day against Child Labour
14 World Blood Donor Day
17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
20 World Refugee Day
23 United Nations Public Service Day
26 International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

JULY
First Saturday International Day of Cooperatives
11 World Population Day

AUGUST
1-7 World Breastfeeding Week (WHO)
9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People
12 International Youth Day
23 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

SEPTEMBER
8 International Literacy Day
10 World Suicide Prevention Day (WHO)
15 International Day of Democracy
16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
21 International Day of Peace
27 World Tourism Day (WTO)
28 World Heart Day (WTO)
During last Week World Maritime Day

OCTOBER
First Monday World Habitat Day
1 International Day for Older Persons
2 International Day of Non-Violence
4-10 World Space Week
5 World Teacher's Day
Second Wednesday International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
9 World Post Day
10 World Mental Health Day
Second Thursday World Sight Day (WHO)
15 International Day of Rural Women
16 World Food Day
17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
24 United Nations Day and
24 World Development Information Day
24-30 Disarmament Week
27 World Day for Audio-Visual Heritage (UNESCO)

NOVEMBER
6 International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict
10 World Science Day for Peace and Development (UNESCO)
14 World Diabetes Day
16 International Day for Tolerance
Third Thursday World Philosophy Day (UNESCO)
Third Sunday World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
20 Universal Children's Day, and
20 Africa Industrialization Day
21 World Television Day
25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
29 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

DECEMBER
1 World AIDS Day
2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3 International Day of Disabled Persons
5 International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
7 International Civil Aviation Day
9 International Anti-Corruption Day
10 Human Rights Day
11 International Mountain Day
18 International Migrants Day
19 United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation
20 International Human Solidarity Day

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