



Greetings,

Mister President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

With a living pleasure, I here present a *newly* accredited NGO: the Center for Global Nonkilling. We are a worldwide congregation of scholars working to create societies that do not kill.

In a world where people will be happy, sharing the worth and the goods of life, there will be literally no reasons left to kill. Today, a right to peace is one of the infrastructures needed to overcome killings.

This is what a right to peace will serve for:

It will enhance the symbolic value of peace. Being able to say, as anyone, that – I have a peaceful right to live in peace – will bring closer the realization of all human rights, as stated in article 28 of the Universal Declaration: we are entitled to an international and social order in which all our rights can be realized.

The responsibility for peace is vested in every one, so everyone needs the means to fulfill peace. A right to peace will grant education for peace and give means to the people enabling them to solve their conflicts peacefully.

A right to peace will enhance the practice of peaceful settlement of disputes, not only at the international level, but locally where most of the deadly violence occurs anyhow. The right to peace calls for mediation, dialogue and common understanding. It is inclusive, leaving no one out or losing; it mediates for the common exercise of all human rights; as an example, peace is needed to mediate between the freedom of religion and the freedom of expression.

A right to peace will not forbid legitimate use of force. Someone abusing peace with violence will need to be impeached; this is justice. But peace helps to prevent such situations and if they occur, the use of force is limited and controlled to limit its effects on peace and human rights.

Finally, they are States – possibly in this room – that do not want to grant peace to their people, to the people of the world or to humanity and its sustainable future. In dignity, this is hard to understand. However, this does not keep other countries from implementing the right to peace, from opening ministries for peace – is has started – and moreover from regularly reporting on the progress they accomplish towards a comprehensive, coherent and lasting peace.

I have spoken. Thank you, mister President.