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Subject: Recognition of the Right to Peace.

Excellency,

we are pleased to submit to Your consideration the Motion "We have a right to peace" (Attached 1), endorsed at the end of the celebration of the International Human Rights Day 2014 that took place in the Aula Magna 'Galileo Galilei' of the University of Padua with the participation of professors, students, civil society organisations and a group of Mayors from different Municipalities.

It is the last outcome of a large campaign going on in Italy for the international recognition of peace as a fundamental right of the human person and of the peoples. So far more than 300 Councils of Municipalities, Provinces and Regions have formally adopted a previous Petitionary Motion (Attached 2).

We know that informal consultations are currently carried out under the enlightened guidance of the Chair-Rapporteur of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Peace to finalise a draft Declaration.

We hope that consultations will gather consensus on a text that will transpose the content of article 1 of the draft prepared by the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council: this would be a truly significant step along the standard-setting

process in full compliance with the specific mandate of the Intergovernmental Working Group.

Public opinion expectations in this direction are growing. The magnitude of the formal mobilisation of Italian Municipalities bears witness to being aware of the historical opportunity that is now offered to endow all members of the human family with a very precious international instrument. World wide disappointment would grow-up as the result of the on-going process was the umpteenth generic document lacking specific obligations for States and for all.

Excellency, we count on Your personal commitment to finalise, in the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations Charter, a document of great historic significance.

With our highest esteem.

Patrizia Andreotti, Mayor of Noale (Italy)