

UPF Europe and Middle East: Online Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World

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The International Summit Council for Peace, a project of the UPF, co-hosted the Rally of Hope on August 9th. It represented the latest in a series of summits, real and virtual, held over the past two years (see www.UPF.org). It brought thousands of world leaders together in search of a shared culture of 'interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.' Four more world-level events are planned for this year.

The August 9th rally was a dazzling display of digital technology from the land of K-pop where a live internet audience of more than one million people from around the world was held spell-bound for two-and-a-half hours on August 9, 2020. Another 90+ million people watched via as many as 70 live TV broadcasts and on various social media apps.

A special screening of the event was broadcast on the afternoon of August 9th at a time more convenient for viewers in Europe and the Middle East. This featured highlights from the original broadcast, adding additional greetings from leaders from Europe and the Middle East (See below or www.vimeo.com/447077973).

The rally's theme was "Building a heavenly unified world through interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values," and hosted a set of stellar speakers from East and West, North and South. They spoke in unanimity on the importance of nations working collaboratively to overcome the aftermath of Covid-19, on the need for universal moral and spiritual values to be inculcated into our cultures, and for UPF to play a key role in moving these agendas forward.



H.E. Ban Ki Moon, the 8th UN Secretary-General and Chairman of the National Council of Climate and Air Quality, highlighted four areas of global concern: i) tension between the US and China, ii) the rise of protectionism, iii) the threat of climate change, and iv) a crisis in values, ethics and social capital. Although he called this "a new Cold War in the COVID-19 era," he also believed that UPF "will become a cornerstone to build lasting peace around the world."

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H.E. Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, emphasized that "maintaining peace and security in the world is an indispensable foundation for development... and should be [given] the highest priority." The socio-economic recovery from Covid-19 cannot be solved at the national level, he said, "It requires deepening and broadening international cooperation in all fields." He called for the Covid-19 vaccine to be freely available to all.

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H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal, began by honoring the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who would have been 100 years old this year. "In order for the "post-COVID-19 world to be a better place for all," the Senegalese President said we needed "faith, confidence in science, and determination to act together... working in solidarity and human fraternity, as UPF has always done, allowing us to "overcome our common vulnerabilities."

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A special address was given by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the co-founder of UPF. She recognized the Rally's distinguished guests, coming from the highest places in business, academia, religion and politics. "Our strongest desire is to be one family under God; yet human history has seen a sad pattern of conflict and hatred. In this time of pandemic, it is difficult to see any future for humanity. Interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values are the key principles UPF promotes. Due to human ignorance and failure to cooperate, climate change and environmental destruction are ravaging the world. This ongoing catastrophe illustrates humankind's tragic separation from its Heavenly Parent", she said.

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H.E. Brigi Rafini, Prime Minister of Niger since 2011, saw the Rally of Hope as transmitting messages of peace, along with a new moral, ethical and spiritual vision. He recognized that "living for others and for the public interest is the basis of development in an interdependent world." Finally, he described interfaith dialogue and cooperation beyond race, ethnicity, religion or ideology as "universal values that everyone affirms."

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Hon. Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, is an optimist. He appreciated that the Rally of Hope was an important positive step forward at a time when the world was very troubled. He recognized that seeking peace, understanding and working together were keys to a successful future. The Speaker also noted that "what Mother Moon is doing, in carrying on her husband's work, is truly a historic mission."

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Rt. Hon. Date Chuichi, President of Japan's Upper House of Parliament, the 'House of Councillors', Japan (2016-19), recognized that the "spirit of 'interdependence, mutual prosperity, universally shared values,' which is taught by Rev. Moon and Dr. Han, was desperately needed." In closing and referring to Mother Moon he said, "the world now needs someone who can be like a mother to all humanity who reconciles siblings."

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Reverend Paula White, Spiritual Advisor to President Donald J. Trump, began by pointing out that the family was the cornerstone of world peace. Then, woman to woman, she said, "Mother Moon, I respect and honor you for your perseverance, for being a forerunner nationally and globally, for dedicating your life to establishing international peace and good will and for being a true lover of humanity." Rev. White ended with a prayer for the reunification of the Korean peninsula.

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Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada (2006-15), warned that the Covid-19 pandemic cannot be compared to the global financial crisis of 2008 and 2009. "This [crisis] is without precedent and we do not yet know the full outcomes..." He concluded by saying, "But if there is any organization capable of convening a truly global network of people committed to genuinely shared efforts then it is this one, UPF."

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H.E. Jimmy Morales, President of Guatemala (2016-20), likened the current pandemic to smallpox in the 2nd century A.D. and acknowledged Mother Moon's efforts to "promote peace, family and integration of the world" during this grim time. Finally, he called for the reunification of Korea, which he saw as the beginning of peace in Northeast Asia and throughout the world.

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H.E. Alfred Moisiu, President of the Republic of Albania (2002 – 2007), and current Chairman of the International Summit Council for Peace in The Balkans appreciated the work of UPF and said, "It is a time for world leaders to reflect deeply and build together a world strategy how to move forward as a world family." He also spoke of the Balkans Peninsula as the bridge between East and West.

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H.E. Mirek Topolánek, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic (2006 – 2009), expressed his confidence that building a world of peace and prosperity after the coronavirus crisis can be our goal if we keep the values that made Europe strong after WW2, "values able to protect our freedom" . "Let's preserve the good from the past, avoid well-known mistakes and we will not lose the future", he said.

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H.E. Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani, Prime Minister of the Republic of Pakistan (2008 – 2012) praised UPF for convening a dialogue on an issue which can transform our world in profound ways in the future. Speaking "as a survivor of Covid-19", he said that "we should seize this opportunity for the world to come together, for wealthy countries to stand with countries who do not have the resources to fight this on their own". "The vaccine should belong to humanity, to everyone", he said.

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The Rally of Hope was a tremendous success! In addition to the wonderful speakers, excellent entertainment was provided by the Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet, Mr. Kim Myung Gong and Ms. Park Ai Ri. On the foundation of this event, the next Rally of Hope will be held on Sep. 6th.



Video greetings from Europe and the Middle East VIPs for the online rally of peace.



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Written by H.E. Ban Ki Moon, 8th UN Secretary-General & NCCA Chairman

Honorable Heads of State, Prime Ministers, First Ladies,

Distinguished participants from 150 nations and all sectors of the society, representing governments, industries, NGOs, faith-based organizations, women, youth, academia, artists and media.

It is my great honor and privilege to share a few words with you on this historic occasion of the "Rally of Hope to Support the Heavenly Unified Korea through Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values."

Furthermore, I would like to offer heartfelt words of gratitude to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for organizing this precious gathering. For the past seven years, Dr. Moon has devoted ceaseless efforts to bring together stakeholders from all realms of society to seek innovative ways to build a world of peace and to support peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

His sincere efforts to advance the cause of peace were crowned with success with the 2020 World Summit in February and have provided tremendous support for the Declaration of the Asia-Pacific Union.

Her sincere efforts aimed at furthering the cause of peace have led to successful hosting of the World Summit 2020 last February and have given much support for the Declaration at the Asia-Pacific Union. I believe this meaningful gathering will also serve as a platform that lays the foundation for Korea to turn itself into an innovative and inclusive nation as well as an economic peace community on the Korean peninsula, thereby being prepared for the next century

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you may already know, the world we are living in is continually facing challenges that threaten peace. Arrogance and material greed have led to territorial disputes, conflicts among religions and ethnic groups and family breakdowns. Worse yet, they aggravated the imminent threat of climate change and global warming. All this is seriously undermining human dignity. Rampant nationalism is threatening the security of humanity. I have witnessed this brutal reality firsthand, having lived through the Korean War, as well as during my time as diplomat and as Korea's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

However, during my tenure as Secretary-General of the United Nations, the historic, unanimous adoption by 193 nations of the Paris Agreement during the 2015 UN Climate Change Conference (COP 21) became a tremendous turning point for environmental issues, particularly regarding greenhouse gas reduction. However, we are still faced with a particularly daunting set of challenges, all of which have become more pronounced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 has indeed become a grave threat to humanity. In the wake of this crisis, we have seen the intensification of unsettling trends. I will mention four of them, all of which are interrelated. First is the growing tension between the US and China, which some call *a new Cold War*. This trend has, and will have global implications, but nowhere more profoundly than here in Asia. Second, nationalism and protectionism are on the rise, resulting in countries to shift away from multilateralism and international cooperation. Third, there remains the imminent threat of climate change, undermining health and security of humanity on many fronts. If we fail to unite as one world community, our very existence will be threatened. Fourth, there is a crisis in values, ethics and social capital that underpin good governance and stable societies.

The new Cold War in the COVID-19 era, nationalism and protectionism, climate change and the crisis of social capital are the clear manifestations of nature's stern warning to humanity. We need to heed this warning, and with foresight and empathy, seek for practical ways to coexist with nature.

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Governments alone cannot address the challenges of our time, not to mention COVID-19. The role of NGOs is very important. If we are to achieve our goals, such as the SDGs, there should be a broad set of partnerships forged particularly between government and civil society. Building partnership across a wide range of sectors is imperative if we are to build a better world. In this respect, I highly applaud the work initiated by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for setting examples. I believe that the Universal Peace Federation and its broad set of partnerships in the realms of politics, religion, academia, media, economy, arts, women and youth serve as a good model. I believe the Universal Peace Federation will become a cornerstone to build lasting peace around the world and a Heavenly Unified Korea based on interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Peace is not an issue that is exclusive to one individual or a nation. Peace is our common wish and a long-cherished desire. I believe that lasting peace will only get stronger when governments and civil society closely partner with one another. Now is the time for us to build bridges, not to erect walls. If we work together, there is no challenge that is too great, no obstacle that cannot be overcome. Regardless of our national, ethnic, racial, religious or political backgrounds, we are the members of one human family. Let us respect and support one another to achieve world peace and move one step closer to peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

Once again, I would like to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for organizing today's Rally of Hope to Support the Heavenly Unified Korea. May all of you and your family be filled with happiness and blessings. Thank you.



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Excellencies, Distinguished Leaders

Honorable Hak Ja Han Moon, Co-Founder of Universal Peace Federation

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Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, President of Universal Peace Federation

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Today, I have a great honor and pleasure to address to Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen at the Virtual Summit on "Rally of Hope" organized by the Universal Peace Federation. The theme: "Rebuilding and Renewing Our Nations in the Post-COVID-19 World: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values" is especially important and vital at a time when all nations around the world are struggling to fight COVID-19.

As we all aware, COVID-19 has been threatening our daily lives, customs, lifestyles, economies, and societies in all countries around the world. So far, no one knows when the COVID-19 crisis would end, and no one can precisely estimate the impacts of the pandemic on all aspects of each nation, including their economy, politics, and social order.

For Cambodia, we can assess that the situation of COVID-19 is not that serious given there has been no community transmission in the country, the current infection cases are all imported, and there has been zero mortality. Like other countries, Cambodia has put in place stringent measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by devising three fronts:

1. Preventing the recurrence of imported cases into Cambodia,
2. Preventing community transmission, and
3. Providing treatment to the infected. To ensure the highest level of efficiency, Cambodia has established a national committee to combat COVID-19 as a joint central command to lead, launch and promote the implementation of all adopted measures.

So far, the fight against COVID-19 in all countries has largely concentrated on their own domestic measures. However, in the context of globalization and regional integration, I believe that the fight against COVID-19 as well as the socio-economic recovery after the pandemic crisis cannot be solved at the national level. It requires deepening and broadening international cooperation in all fields. This means that international community must work together to turn the fight against COVID-19 into a common battle. In this spirit, allow me to share some views as following:

First, the spread of Covid-19 pandemic has posed unprecedented challenges to public health security, disruptions of gathering and the functioning of the global supply chains, all of which are seriously impacting the livelihoods and aggravating global economic downturn. In this context, a joint response and universal solidarity aiming at supporting multilateralism become even more urgent. In this regard, while the world is awaiting a breakthrough in vaccine development, Cambodia call for an adoption of the vaccine as a global public goods to which people in anywhere and everywhere can access.

Second, we must avoid racism and blame game, which leads to disunity as the whole world needs to join hands to fight this pandemic. In the spirit of humanitarianism and international solidarity, Cambodia granted permission to the MS Westerdam cruise ship, boarding more than 2,200 passengers, to dock in Cambodia on 13 February 2020. Cambodia has not only provided treatment to the infected Cambodian nationals but has also the infected foreigners in the country.

Third, moving forward, we need to be strategically well-prepared for post-COVID-19 crisis. To realize this, we should develop a specific recovery plan by setting out a number of scenarios for a gradual reopening of cross-border travel and trade between countries in the region, and for recovering the sectors severely hit by the crisis.

Fourth, we must continue to strengthen cooperation in promoting globalization and in strengthening multilateral mechanisms to ensure a conducive environment for promoting economic growth, eradicating poverty, and improving people's livelihoods. We must ensure that our cooperation mechanisms remain open and supportive of the multilateral trading system, especially in accelerating our social and economic connectivity to advance the development agenda of each country and to achieve a global agenda of sustainable and inclusive development.

Fifth, building and maintaining peace and security in the world is an indispensable foundation for development. Therefore, building and maintaining peace and security is a must, and it should be the highest priority of each country. Peace cannot be attained by chance. We must promote mutual love, mutual respect, and the value of humanity, coexist peacefully and harmoniously, and respect the diversity of faiths, religions, and cultures within and between societies.

In closing, may I call upon all leaders to register high level of goodwill and responsibility to respond to this global challenge and to maintain a conducive environment for peace, stability and harmony for development and prosperity of all nations. Cambodia is ready to contribute to this noble goal with all stakeholders.



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Address by H.E. Macky Sall to the rally of hope on 9 August 2020.

Written by H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal

Honorable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a Sunhak Peace Prize laureate, I am happy to join you on the *Rallye of Hope 2020* of the Universal Peace Federation.

I would first like to salute the legacy of the prestigious founder of the UPF, Reverend Sun Myung Moon, whose centenary we are celebrating this year.

I address my affectionate tribute to the Honorable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who pursues with such love and generosity the UPF's ideal of peace and human brotherhood.



This Rally of Hope is taking place at an unprecedented moment in history, when the whole world is bearing the brunt of the brutal impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to being a major health crisis, this disease deeply disrupts our living conditions and our social relations. Education systems are in jeopardy, economies at half mast, companies are in trouble and workers face a precarious situation.

The COVID-19 pandemic ignores borders, social, ideological and geopolitical considerations. It brings to light the limits of the most sophisticated health systems and shows us our common vulnerabilities; men and women, young and old, rich or poor, countries of the North and the South are all equally affected.

To date, COVID-19 has not revealed all of its secrets. And there is still no medicine or vaccine to fight it. In the face of so many challenges and uncertainties, faith, confidence in science, and the resolve to act together will help us maintain hope, overcome trials, and overcome our common vulnerabilities.

We need to act together, because just as the virus has circled the planet in a few months, it will remain a threat to everyone as long as it continues to be active somewhere in the world. Self-centeredness is not the option to bring the victory. Rather we are to work in solidarity and human fraternity, as the UPF has always done.

This is what prompted me, on May 14, to co-sign the International Appeal so that the future vaccine against COVID-19 is a common good, free and accessible to all countries.

In the same spirit, I salute and support the *Rallye of Hope 2020* which brings us together so that the post COVID-19 world is a better place for all.

I send you my warm congratulations and wish your event to be a complete success.



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Founder's Special Address by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon at the rally of hope on 9 August 2020.

Written by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder, Universal Peace Federation

Beloved blessed families of Cheon Il Guk and members of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. I have waited a long time to see you. I am so pleased to meet you.

Respected current and former heads of state, prime ministers, religious leaders, and representatives of all sectors of society throughout the world!

I am aware of the great concern you have and the tremendous work you are doing for the safety and health of your citizens. This is why our heartfelt desire is growing stronger: we wish for a community of all people, one family of humankind centering on the Heavenly Parent, united under the values of interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values. Unfortunately, until now, our history has been characterized by conflict. Even today, at this moment, conflicts are continuing. Why is it that hope for the future remains so elusive?

Originally, the Creator's dream was to build the kingdom of God on earth together with his children. However, due to the unforeseen fall of humankind, away from God, our history has continuously been marked by wars, as we see today. However, the natural world, unaffected by the fall, continues to exist in accordance with the principles of creation. I would like to mention the example of the monarch butterfly. As you may be aware, a butterfly's lifespan is short. However, despite their wingspan of about 3 inches, monarch butterflies spend their summers in Canada then fly thousands of miles south to Mexico for the winter. At times, it takes them more than two months to complete their journey. Despite never having made the journey before, new generations of monarch butterflies make the same journey through the skies that their parents have made. This is the natural order of things. It is the same for the animal kingdom. Unless human beings destroy the environment, animals manage their numbers in accordance with the principles of creation and preserve their species.

I mentioned that the human race remains in its current quandary due to the fact that human beings fell away from God. Having gone astray, people have no relationship with their Creator. The Creator cannot change His principles and as a result, he has had to guide his dispensation for us to make restitution and recover the path to the ideal. How arduous must this providential work have been that 6,000 years would pass before the advent of the True Parents, who came to fulfill the ideal of creation, took place in 1960 on the Korean Peninsula? This peninsula has been blessed by Heaven. Any ethnic peoples or individuals blessed by Heaven must fulfill their responsibility. Adam and Eve were meant to become the ancestors of all people but they could not accomplish their responsibility to mature their love, and this resulted in this fallen world.

How then can the people of the Korean Peninsula, where True Parents came just once in 6,000 years, fulfill



their responsibility? There is but one way: that of attending the Heavenly Parent and becoming one. The Creator is our parent. Until now, humanity has failed to recognize its Heavenly Parent and thus has been unfilial. True Parents have appeared before the unfilial human race and, through the Marriage Blessing, have enabled people to be reborn and to register as Heavenly Parent's children. This is what the Marriage Blessing movement is about.

If Heavenly Parent is at the center of a community of people united under the values of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, all problems can be solved. Unfortunately, the world today is characterized by self-centeredness, nationalism and numerous organizations and institutions distant from Heaven. The path we must take is that of seeking out the Heavenly Parent. After wholeheartedly and sincerely attending our Heavenly Parent while we are on earth, we can ascend to the eternal spirit world, the kingdom of heaven in the eternal realm. Please think about this. Children who do not receive the Marriage Blessing and who are not born again cannot stand as Heavenly Parent's children. However, blessed families must fulfill their responsibilities by living for the sake of others and not keep the Marriage Blessing just for themselves. The purpose of our present existence consists of guiding our neighbors, our clans, our peoples, our nations, and our world to a position where everyone can receive Heavenly Parent's love and the Blessing.

It is due to the people's ignorance that not only this nation, but also all nations are contributing to climate change. The beautiful earth created by the Creator is being destroyed. Some wealthy nations are seeking to escape from the earth's environmental problems by going into space. I cannot say that this method is the right one. This earth was specially selected by God the Creator, it is God's beloved earth. There can be no future for people who seek to abandon the earth. Will going into space guarantee eternity? Our earthly life, our physical life, is limited. The urgent priority should be: how can I and my family live a life that aligns with our eternal life? The COVID-19 pandemic has cost many people their lives. International cooperation is at a standstill. Additionally, natural calamities and floods have caused numerous casualties and displaced civilians. What do you think about this? I have said before that God, our Creator, is love. God is our Parent. How would a parent feel who watches his or her children die? The time has now come for us, particularly the people of Korea, its politicians, and religious leaders, to kneel and offer prayers of repentance and compassion before Heaven.

The responsibility of those who have received Heaven's blessing is to lead their fellow human beings, wherever they are in the world, back to Heavenly Parent's bosom through True Parents. This is the responsibility of this people.

Please put aside any ambivalent thoughts, any indecisiveness, adopting this stance or that stance. Please remember that this is Heaven's final warning and final opportunity. The only way for North and South Korea to become a Unified Korea is by attending the Heavenly Parent. Many superpowers surround Korea, but they are not the center. Heaven will complete the providence through True Parents.

I earnestly hope and give my blessing that this time may be one when we become a people of filial heart characterized by loyalty and devotion to Heaven, and inspire the people and nations of the world on the importance of attending our Heavenly Parent.

Thank you.



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Address by H.E. Brigi Rafini to the rally of hope on 9 August 2020

Written by H.E. Brigi Rafini, Prime Minister of Niger since 2011

Highly respected Doctor Hak Ja Han Moon, Co-Founder of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF),

Your Excellency Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal;

Your Excellency Evaristo Carvalho, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe;

Excellencies, Heads of State and Government of Various Regions of the World;

Your Excellency Madame Saynab Abdi Moallim, First Lady of the Republic of Somalia;

Ladies and Gentlemen, the international leaders of the Universal Peace Federation,

Madam President of FPU Africa,

Ladies and Gentlemen Participants in the Rally of Hope;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I am participating in this global assembly of hope on the theme "Rebuilding and renewing our nations in the post-Covid 19 world: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values"

On behalf of His Excellency, Mr. ISSOUFOU MAHAMADOU, President of the Republic of Niger, I welcome the participation of his brothers and friends, Heads of State of Senegal and of the Democratic Republic of São Tomé e Príncipe, His Excellency Macky Sall and his Excellency Evaristo Carvalho, whom I have addressed, as well as all the Heads of State and Government of other Regions of the World who have graced this occasion, the Rally of Hope, with their presence.

I also welcome the participation of all these eminent dignitaries representing various fields, who work for social justice every day with determination and conviction, for the sake of lasting peace, without which no development is possible.

I take this opportunity to thank the Founder of the Universal Peace Federation, Doctor Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, for this joyful initiative entitled the Rally of Hope, which allows participants to convey messages of peace and a new moral, ethical and spiritual, economic and cultural vision.

This fight is the one led by the Universal Peace Federation. It is the fight for a more just world, a more human world, a world of [greater] tolerance and a more peace-loving way of doing things. Indeed, the



Founders of UPF consider that it is important today to recognize that living for the sake of others and for the public interest is the basis of development in an interdependent world.

Mother Moon, as you so aptly pointed out in the context of this rally, the COVID-19 crisis has created disruption around the world. These disruptions have not only impacted the lives of those infected, their families and loved ones, and of the healthcare workers, but also have affected children whose schools have long been closed, workers who have lost their jobs and companies that have been forced into bankruptcy.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Covid-19 crisis has had significant impacts on the geopolitical balance of power as well as on the global economy. It affects all sectors: religion, government, universities, education, business and the economy, families, women and young people, the media and the environment.

Thus, on the level of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) for example, the economic growth rate initially forecast to be 3.3% in 2020 will in fact be less than 2.1% if the pandemic persists until the end of the year, leading notably to a fall in tax revenues and an increase in unemployment and poverty. Some countries, in particular those of the Sahel and the Lake Chad basin, are experiencing a triple crisis: health, security and the economy.

This means that Africa must confront not only the pandemic but also the need to revive its economy. This fight on two fronts requires an exceptional mobilization of financial resources. Already, before the pandemic, Africa needed 600 billion dollars per year to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, and those of Agenda 2063, in particular the objectives of its first ten-year plan 2013-2023, among which the structuring (giving structure) projects related to the African Continental Free Trade Area, infrastructure, industry and agriculture. These two agendas constitute the great vision around which all our energies remain mobilized. A decisive step in the implementation of these agendas was taken with the launch, in July 2019 in Niamey, of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). For success to be sustainable, however, and for other projects to be implemented, it is necessary not only to guarantee funding but also to guarantee stability, peace and security.

This is the place to renew Niger's sincere thanks to all international donors and in particular to the Mother of Peace, Mother Moon, for her financial support for the operational phase of AfCFTA and for the implementation of the Heavenly Africa Project / Project for a Blessed Africa (chose).

The scale of the economic crisis that our countries will experience, it must be emphasized, requires financial support that goes beyond a simple debt moratorium. Our countries must be completely deleveraged, and in addition, provide them with fresh resources. Since deleveraging through inflation, a process used by rich countries to get rid of their debts in the aftermath of the Second World War, is not an option, debt cancellation must be carried out despite the inequalities it will generate among beneficiary countries.

Ladies and gentlemen,

For now, Africa is the least developed continent in the world, particularly south of the Sahara.

Its population is estimated today at 1.2 billion souls and could reach 2.5 billion by 2050. It is characterized by its youth, hence an enormous potential of labor and consumers. The demographic transition underway on the continent will provide a highly productive working population with a strong capacity to save, provided, of course, that young people are trained and educated.

Ladies and gentlemen,

When it comes to interfaith dialogue and cooperation, I can confirm that there are universal values that all people affirm beyond race, ethnicity, religion or ideology.

In my country of Niger, most of the population shares the Muslim faith, a religion whose holy book, the Koran, professes the brotherhood of all believers through verse 10 of Sura 49 which deserves to be studied in depth. and explained to all humankind. I quote, "The believers are but brothers, so make settlement between your brothers. And fear Allah that you may receive mercy." (good] End of Quote.

I think it is unnecessary for me to point out to you that we are talking about believers here, all believers! In my opinion this verse contains the entire universal dimension of Islam, the imperative of peace that it professes as well as its reaffirmation of the oneness of humanity.

The President of the Republic ISSOUFOU MAHAMADOU and his Government are calling on all Nigeriens for a Cultural Renaissance. It will apply this code of values to three areas of modernization: social, political and economic.

Thus, the modernization we want for Niger is the cohesion and stabilization of the family unit, cemented by solidarity that banishes laziness, idleness, begging and the welfare mentality (being dependent on others). The social modernization that we want for Niger is the detribalization of our society, it is the suppression, in accordance with our constitution, of social relations based on clanism, tribalism, regionalism and communitarianism.

Ultimately, the Cultural Renaissance aims to rebuild our country on a spiritual, moral, political and economic level! So this is a Herculean mission that we are tackling with conviction and determination.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to bow to the memory of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Federation for Universal Peace, salute the charismatic dynamism of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and pay deserved tribute to all the leaders of this organization.

We are committed to making our contribution to the work of the international community for peace and understanding among the peoples of the world.

Thank you.



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Address by Hon. Newt Gingrich to the rally of hope on 9 August 2020.

Written by Hon. Newt Gingrich, Former Speaker, US House of Representatives



Well, first of all, I would like to welcome all of the distinguished Heads of State, parliamentarians, and leaders who have come together for this Rally of Hope. I think what you are doing, the time you are spending, your involvement is very important in a very troubled world. And I think that what Mother Moon has done in carrying on the work of her husband and building a worldwide movement committed to the concept that we can find ways to talk with each other, we can find ways to work together, and now we need to place more emphasis on peace and on seeking a better future than on war, and I think it's a very important thing that you're doing.



And so, this meeting is another step in the right direction. I participated in several and I know that the work that has been done by the Washington Times, really not just in America, but around the world is a key part of that. And that the influence the Washington Times has built in the United States in carrying this message of hope, and this message that together we can find steps in the right direction, bringing North Korea and South Korea closer together, finding a way for Korea and Japan to have a better way to dialogue. I can tell you in the meetings I have been in, in both Korea and Japan, it's been remarkable the number of people who have come out and who have been involved.

I can also tell you that Congressman Dan Burton who heads up the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace is just doing a remarkable job. I have known Dan for many years. He is deeply committed, he is hardworking, he is courageous, he has great contacts in Washington, and now frankly, working through the Universal Peace Federation, he has great contacts around the world. And he really is committed to bringing people together.

So, I think this meeting that you are now engaged in is an important step frankly in a time when the world is very troubled. Between COVID, the economic difficulties, all the things we are seeing. We need more effort to follow the path of Rev. Moon, to recognize that seeking peace, seeking understanding, working together is the key to a successful future. And so, I think you taking your time to be involved in this meeting is really important.

I hope you have a very successful meeting; I hope to see a number of you later on this fall when we hope to have some meetings once we get past the epidemic and are able to once again get together in places like Washington DC. And I can tell you I would really look forward along with Dan Burton to helping a whole bunch of parliamentarians and government leaders to come together, to share ideas, and to develop a better path for the future.

So please allow me if somebody who is fascinated with this process, who has really enjoyed working with the Washington Times, in thinking through new ways to communicate with the American people and around the world, and who's convinced that what Mother Moon is doing, in carrying on her husband's work, the work that together they launched is truly a historic mission and one that's worth your time and your effort; and I hope you'll tell your friends that there is hope for a better future.

You know, we are in a period of such extraordinary change. Having worldwide pandemic, which is affecting every single country in the world, having an economic crisis caused by the pandemic, which is affecting every country in the world. Watching various problems evolve and emerge in ways that could lead to a much more violent future, or with leadership, with people talking with each other, could lead to some really interesting breakthroughs and some real opportunities for cooperation.

So, when I look at what is going around in the world I think to myself this could be a beginning of a long decade or more, of difficulties, of feeling really psychologically let down, of depression, of despair, or, with the help of people like yourself, people who are willing to spend their time and their energy providing leadership, offering hope, we could come out of this cycle with a new burst of enthusiasm for a better future.

I am for one very big about space and the things that you are going to see that happen in the very near future; things, for example, the United Arab Emirates just launched their first rocket into space, the Chinese are launching a rocket that is going to go to Mars, we are developing a program to permanently go back to the Moon and we are inviting countries all over the world that will join us. Not that space will solve every single problem, but it does create a sense of hope, a sense of optimism.

If you look at the scale of research underway right now, I think at least three new vaccinations, vaccines coming online in a matter of months, the fastest ever in history, you can see that there is a pharmaceutical industry out there which may, by the way, be right at the edge of breakthrough, not just dealing with COVID-19, but also very close to a breakthrough on Sickle cell anemia, very close to a breakthrough on a number of other diseases. And so I can imagine a not very distant future where you have people more healthier, where the economy has come roaring back and you have people who want to get in equating prosperity, and where we have a much bigger vision of how the world fits in to a larger system and how we fit in to a better world.

So, I am an optimist. Yes, we have challenges. Yes, there are difficulties. But I believe that we can in fact work together -all of you are the example of this- we can reach across national boundaries, we can reach across parties and differences, and we can find a way to create a dramatically better future for our children and our grandchildren. And by doing it together, we actually create a better future for the entire human race. So count me in as an optimist, count me in as somebody who believes each one of us can make a big difference, and together, I think you are going to find that this meeting is one of the building blocks of creating that better future.



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Address by Rt. Hon. Date Chuichi to the rally of hope on 9 August 2020

Written by Rt. Hon. Date Chuichi, President of Japan's Upper House of Parliament, the 'House of Councillors', Japan



It is a great honor for me to be invited to the "Special Gathering of Experts in Hokkaido" organized by the Association of Ambassadors for Peace.

My name is Date Chuichi, and I served as President of the House of Councillors until August last year.

I must say that this conference, held under the theme, "The Current Situation and Future Issues of Covid-19," is a very timely one.

Today, I am happy to have Mr. Masayoshi Kajikuri, President of UPF-Japan, and Rev. Eiji Tokuno, President of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, here with us today in Sapporo.

Invited by these two presidents, I participated in the World Summit 2020 which took place in Korea this past February.

To my honor, I gave my remarks on behalf of Japan in front of leaders of various walks of life, including heads of state and top government officials from all over the world, while Dr. Hak Ja Han was present on the stage.

Even thinking about it now I can feel the great sensation I experienced then.

At that time, Covid-19 had already started to loom on Asian countries, and when I see that they were able to successfully gather dignitaries from all over the world and hold this grand international conference of 6,000 participants despite this very difficult situation, I cannot help but feel that God is with this movement and He protected it.

Dr. Hak Ja Han said in her keynote address, "Human-centered selfishness has exhausted not only human beings but also the beautiful earth. It is not possible for humanity to become one with thoughts and ideas centered on humans. We must properly understand God, the Creator, who is the origin of the universe." I still keep those words in mind. I was deeply impressed by the sight of Dr. Han expressing her beliefs with dignity in front of the head-of-state class dignitaries from around the world.

As soon as the summit ended, the whole world was swallowed up by the fear of Covid-19. Fortunately, Japan, South Korea, and other Asian countries have not suffered such great damage, but we are in a situation where we cannot put down our guard against the second and third waves that may come.

It is in times like these when the "International Summit Council for Peace" which was launched by Dr. Han during the summit needs to fulfill its role.

I heard that on July 19th, head of state class leaders who support the "International Summit Council for Peace" will hold an international conference to overcome the current crisis, by connecting the whole world online.

This is also very timely and meaningful.

The world is now divided by the disaster of Covid-19, and it faces difficult situations such as countries blaming each other and competing for masks and medical resources.

Also, racial conflict is becoming more serious in the United States.

There has never been a time such as now when the spirit of "interdependence, mutual prosperity, universally shared values," which is taught by Rev. Moon and Dr. Han, was desperately needed.

The Japanese translation of Dr. Han's autobiography, "Mother of Peace, And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears from Their Eyes" was published this past March.

Many Japanese politicians, scholars, and leaders in religion and business are providing reviews that show they were deeply touched after having read it.

If you compare the conflict between the countries of the world to a fight between siblings, what the world needs now is someone who can be like a mother to all humanity who reconciles the siblings.

I sincerely hope that under the guidance of Dr. Hak Ja Han, the activities of the "International Summit Council for Peace" show the way to solve the various problems that the world is facing, taking a strong step toward world peace.

On behalf of the participants and leaders from Japan, I wish for the success of the event in Korea on July 19.

Thank you very much.



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Special Address by Pastor Paula White in the rally of hope on 9 August 2020

Written by Pastor Paula White, Spiritual Advisor to President Donald J. Trump



Thank you for the privilege of sharing with you today at this amazing rally of hope. I am honored to stand before such distinguished men and women. A special thank you to my dear friends, Dr. Michael, and minister Reiko Jenkins.

There is one word that has great meaning for us all: and that is the word family. Family is the root of everything we are. Family is what binds us together and family is the cornerstone of world peace.

There is one individual who understands and exemplifies true family, and that is Mother Moon. Her devotion, love, extraordinary compassion, and tireless efforts to create models for good governance and strengthening interfaith dialogue has earned her the affectionate title as the "Mother of

Peace."

Mother Moon, I respect and honor you for your perseverance, for being a forerunner nationally and globally, for dedicating your life to establishing international peace and good will and for being a true lover of humanity. You have demonstrated that working with all people, no matter the color, creed, age, social class or background is necessary and possible if all people adopt in their hearts the love for all people based on living for the sake of others as you do. Thank you.

You know, God is the author of peace. True peace cannot exist without Him. His Word promises us that He will keep us in perfect peace if we keep our focus on Him. We as the family of God, the church, are called to bring healing to the nations especially during difficult times. We are positioned to be used as we are walking in "His peace and confidence" as his leaders.

Our current world situation with Covid-19 is a great trial, but if we turn to God we will overcome and prosper. It is vital that we are respectful and cooperate among all nations. This is crucial. Holy Spirit teaches how to respectfully come in the power of cooperation and agreement to harmonize together to make a symphony about all that we face as humans in our individual nations. May we bear with one another. And make allowances out of love, which comes from You God. We are eager and strive earnestly to guard and keep the harmony and oneness produced by the spirit in the binding power of peace. May we commit according to the power of God that works in us to unite in spirit sympathizing with one another loving each other as brethren, as family compassionate and courteous, tender hearted, and humble-minded.

Thankfully, those are key to bring heavenly wisdom and insights to the heads of states and elected officials. May Your spirit rest upon Your men and women of God, filling them with the wisdom and understanding. The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge to be as the tribe of Issachar which told Israel what to do, having understanding of the times.

We become peace makers by being in harmony with the Lord. Jesus said blessed are the peacemakers for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is our peace. We are accountable to God and each other as members of His household.

God, bring Your people together and forgive us for any intolerance for one another. Lord Jesus came and preached peace to us outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals and so made us equals. Through him we share the same spirit and have equal access to You Father.

2 Chronicle 7:14 reminds us: "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins and will heal their land."

Could we be in a time of anointed release of the church to see the ancient wounds of God's house rebuilt and the ruined cities, the desolation of many generation repaired? Well I believe that God is at work. And so I pray right now for the reunification of South and North Korea and pray that You move mightily, I pray that You release a miracle, God. And I pray over America, protected as a nation, that all nations will be blessed to achieve peace through cooperation. For Your word declares: blessed is the nation who calls God Lord. So right now, I thank you that there is a supernatural move of peace and also that You will protect all people from the corona virus. For God, we can be certain in uncertain times, because You, are Lord.



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Address by Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper to the rally of hope on 9 August 2020.

Written by H.E Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada (2006-2015)



To Honorable high office holders past and present, to distinguish participants from around the world and of course to our host, the Universal Peace Federation.

Thank you for inviting me to join you once again.

For the past two years I've been a guest at the World Peace Summit in Seoul, South Korea, and what an experience it has been. Perhaps nowhere else in the world is there such a gathering of experienced leaders from government, business, academia, and faith communities representing the wide array of global nations and making such a broad contribution to global thought on the challenges facing humanity. As all who have attended can attest, it's an experience without parallel.

My congratulations go to the Universal Peace Federation, to your chairman, Dr Thomas Walsh, to international president, Dr. Michael Jenkins and to your Canadian president, my friend, Dr. Franco Famularo, but especially to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. It is due to the Doctor Moon's vision and inspiration that a global dialogue of this scale and of this quality is occurring at a time like this. And what an extraordinary time it is. The pandemic of 2020 is an experience that no one alive today will ever forget. It's an experience that for better or worse will leave a lasting and indelible mark upon humanity.

Many have compared to the global financial crisis of 2008 and 2009. I was prime minister of Canada at that time, and there are aspects of this crisis that remind me of those times, but there are some very big differences. For one, this is a significantly more difficult crisis. It is both an economic crisis and a health crisis, and the solutions for one run counter to the solutions for the other. This is why contrary to much commentary, we can have no idea which countries are "having it right," "getting it right" or which are "getting it wrong." This is without precedent and we do not yet know the full outcomes on either front.

Another big difference from the global financial crisis is in the realm of international cooperation. In november 2008, shortly after the Global Financial Crisis began, I was part of a meeting at the White House convened by George W. Bush, the meeting of the world's biggest economies and its leading international financial institutions. It was in fact the first-ever meeting of the G20. In a couple of days work we drafted the basis of an international plan to deal with the crisis, much work remained to be done at the national level but the outlines of a global response had taken shape. It involves significant international collaboration and avoided many potentially systemically damaging actions.

This time there has been nothing resembling such international cooperation, and so we've seen a myriad of conflicting economic closures and travel restrictions, a completely unnecessary global oil supply war, fights over supplies of personal protective equipment, and now the competitive race for primacy and superiority

in the development of a vaccine. I wish I could tell you that what we witnessed is an aberration, but I think the reality is that the reasons for this lack of cooperation run deep.

International institutions cannot function effectively without the cooperation and leadership of the world's strongest powers. Today there is not such leadership, the United States is not willing to provide it. This is not just about the current US administration, the American public is exasperated with its global leadership role, which is far too often left the United States with wildly disproportionate burdens and obligations for which the American public sees little commensurate benefit. China cannot fill the void for a different reason. It is not widely trusted, then when we look at its role in the early spread of the virus how could it be. And for its part the European Union remains focused on the internal divisions that have become ever more challenging in the decade since the global financial crisis. So, the lack of international cooperation today is all very explicable but that does not mean that this state of affairs is not risky.

On the contrary we're entering this phase of non collaboration in the world at just the moment when global challenges will be particularly pressing and often do require global solutions. The pandemic is an obvious one, climate change is another. But I am talking in particular about the global economy. I've been saying three things since March these were controversial back then not so much now.

First, the scale of the economic downturn has been underestimated. Of course, and analysts have been revising their forecasts and now can see the global GDP drop of at least 5% which will be well in excess of the global financial crisis. Second, the speed of the economic recovery has been overestimated, there will be no v-shaped recovery. It will likely be two years before even the strongest economies return to their pre covid levels. Third, the current level of economic and fiscal intervention by governments is unsustainable. These are already multiple times higher than during the global financial crisis they point to widespread sovereign-debt pressures in the next few years, and the need for fiscal austerity at precisely the time when much of the public expects the opposite.

Watch for this, as the worst of the virus passes, which it will, and as the economic downturn lingers, which it will, the political solidarity experienced in many countries during the pandemic will turn to anger over the economy. Anyone in power today will face that anger and their survival in that position, especially but not exclusively those seeking re-election, will be in severe jeopardy. We saw this after 2008, 2009. Few elected leaders survived that economic crisis, and as I say this one will be worse in its impacts.

As we know in such times there can be an inclination for leaders and nations to turn to easy but ultimately disastrous solutions, protectionism, socialism, and aggression in international affairs. That's why it's essential that we understand our interdependence in this world, work together to rebuild our mutual prosperity, and act on shared values, rather than zero sum strategies. It's indeed for precisely these objectives that the Universal Peace Federation Rally of Hope gathering is being broadcast. Now that said, let me just add that it's important we pursue these objectives not simply with our hearts open but also with our eyes open even wider.

For example, while we should resist protectionism, we can no longer pretend that countries that pursue purely export-driven growth strategies are free traders. We cannot continue to watch our existing jobs go to those countries while our workers have little opportunity to sell their products and services into those markets. It's essential that countries that pursue such export-driven manage trade strategies be similarly treated.

Likewise, we cannot just pretend that international bodies like the World Health Organization are useful in advancing shared aspirations when they put the national politics of some above the international mandate they are supposed to be pursuing. They either must reform themselves or we must seek better avenues of cooperation outside of them.

And finally, we must recognize that history shows that the rights and freedoms of ordinary people are critical to creating and sustaining our prosperity and peace overtime. In other words, we should not pretend that those states which deny freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law share values with us. We should stand unequivocally for those values and with those who fight for them. At South Korea, Taiwan and many others in the world have shown authoritarian rule is in no way necessary or

desirable to successfully resist a pandemic.

Obviously, what I've laid out is a tall order to confront very serious challenges and to do so through encouraging collective international efforts while also being prepared to confront those who undermine our common good. But if there is any organization capable of convening a truly global network of people committed to genuinely shared efforts then it is this one, the Universal Peace Federation.

Thank you again for giving me your attention.

God bless you and your critical deliberations.



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Address by H.E. Jimmy Morales to the rally of hope on 9 August 2020.

Written by H.E. Jimmy Morales, President of Guatemala (2016-20)

Receive a warm greeting from Guatemala. I thank the UPF and its Founder, the Honorable Mother Moon for her kind invitation to participate in this International Summit Council for Peace and Rally of Hope.

I want to tell you a true story: There was a deadly disease that hit people, experts say it started in the East, and then spread throughout the world. There was panic in the streets and governments did not know what to do, so they began to cancel events, suspend activities and close cities. The economy collapsed and people realized the fragility of humanity.

How familiar does this story sound to you? This happened 1800 years ago during the Antonine Plague or Smallpox, which hit the Roman Empire in the 2nd century of the common era. This means that it is not the first time that humanity has faced diseases like COVID-19.

One question, if I asked you, what do you want the dawn of the day after the pandemic to be like? What would you answer me?

While you think about it we will review history. In the 2nd century, humanity was hit by smallpox.

At that time the Roman Empire had two Emperors, Marco Aurelio and Lucius Verus, the latter died from the plague, so Marcus Aurelius had to rule only from that moment on.

Rome had just won a major battle against the Parthians, but that victory turned into a terrible tragedy as the smallpox was brought by the legionaries, killing one third of the Empire's population.

But, what did the rulers and the citizens of those times do overcome victoriously these terrible evils?

First, it is said that the isolation in their healthy houses and cities worked, but they realized that it was a temporary solution, because economic activity had to continue, so they arranged that people could travel to other cities with the condition of waiting 40 isolated days before entering a city to carry out activities, and that is precisely where the term "quarantine" comes from.

The second thing they did, they called the best professionals. Emperor Marco Aurelio, for example, called Galen the best doctor of the time, to lead the fight against smallpox.

The third thing they did, for example, Marcus Aurelius redirected the budget of the Empire. History shows that at that time Rome did not build civil works and the budget was allocated to help the most vulnerable. Marcus Aurelius did not increase the government debt, on the contrary, he decided to auction assets of the empire, including personal assets to assist and help those most in need.



One question, how long will the quarantine last? And after quarantine, will the virus have disappeared? Obviously not. Then we better appeal to people's intelligence so that they keep the measures of coexistence and thus preserve their life and health, because as dangerous as a disease is, it is not running away from it that it will disappear. Emperor Lucius Verus fled from Aquileia during the Smallpox Plague, but died anyway because the disease reached him.

A couple comes to my mind asking themselves two simple questions: How long will you stay with me? Do I prepare coffee or do I prepare my life?

Human Smallpox that plagued humanity in the Second Century was not eradicated until the 20th century. So we may have the coronavirus for a long time and we must attack it yes, but also, we must learn to live with it.

In order to reach conclusions, I will quote Marcus Aurelius one last time: he said, "Adapt yourself to the things among which your lot has been cast and love sincerely the fellow creatures with whom destiny has ordained that you shall live."

First conclusion: This "lucky" generation had to face the Covid-19, with all the scientific and technological advances that humanity had never had before. Then, let's adapt ourselves to living with the physical distance; to improve our hygiene; let's take advantage of technology to inform and stimulate the intelligent coexistence of our people; and, let's show our "true love" to others, with solidarity, fairness, equality and justice for all.

Second conclusion: We cannot ask everyone to stay locked in their houses because the State will not be able to subsidize food and sustenance to the entire population in a sustained way, much less continuously, if there is no one to produce and pay taxes. People will not be able to subsist. They will have to go out to work and produce, keeping the relevant measures. AND...

Third: There is encouraging news of a vaccine, which is why all governments and world leadership must advocate that it be free for all people, and that, in the case of pandemics, vaccine manufacturers put solidarity towards humanity before profit, and that the States bear the cost of medicines for their citizens, aiming at the preservation of life.

Now, I tell you how I would like the dawn of the "Day after" this Pandemic:

I would like a blue sky with a radiant sun that illuminates the whole of humanity giving hope of life to children, young people and the elderly, and that together hand in hand we walk on a path of health, prosperity and love.

The question arises: What will you and I do so that the day after, is a day full of hope?

To conclude, I want us to acknowledge the effort of Mother Moon who, with her leadership promotes peace, family and integration of the world, with the message of a united family, based on love and fidelity. It is meritorious to recognize that in this difficult time of pandemic, when everything has stopped, Mother Moon is leading this International Summit and Rally for Peace for development, prosperity and interdependence with the flag of a family under the blessing of God.

It is also my wish that in this year 2020, in which the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War is commemorated, this Summit and Rally will inspire the Korean people to raise the flag of reunification and allow the reunion of the 10 million separated families. The reunification of Korea would undoubtedly be the beginning of the restoration of peace in North Asia and a good model for the reestablishment of world peace.

Thank you all very much for your attention. To UPF and the Honorable Mother Moon, thank you very much for your invitation to participate in this International Summit for Peace.

God bless you.





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Intervention of H.E. Alfred Moisiu in the rally of hope on 9 August 2020

Written by President of the Republic of Albania (2002 – 2007)

Dear Mother Moon, Your Excellencies, Ambassadors for Peace, dear participants: I greet you on this important event, wishing you are all doing well!

We are living in a unique time of crises that has never been seen before. It is a time for world leaders to reflect deeply and build together a world strategy how to move forward as a world family.

We are proud that UPF, under Dr. Moon's leadership, has initiated a series of Peace Talk webinars to provide a platform for leading figures from the worlds of politics, religion, academia, business, and the media to contribute to the process of outlining the kind of world that needs to emerge from the current health crisis, by highlighting the values of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values.

In particular, the events organized during the pandemic by the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) have brought together more than 100 current and former heads of state and government to deliberate on ways to overcome the challenges we face because of COVID-19.

As we are still in the middle of the pandemic, we can see that the world was not at all prepared for such a phenomenon.

This should serve as a strong lesson for world leaders to start to think differently. We should work together cooperatively and constructively for the sake of mutual prosperity and peace, by moving beyond the COVID-19 crisis, and being prepared for such crises in the future.

There are nations and corporations, however, that are trying to use the pandemic crisis for their own agendas and benefits, forgetting that we are one interdependent human family and that we should live and work together, respectfully and cooperatively; otherwise bigger problems will arise. More than ever, we need to improve good governance at the national, regional, and global levels as essential elements for peace and development.

As we see, the COVID-19 crisis is having a broad impact on the geopolitical balance of power as well as the global economy. It is affecting all sectors of government, academia and education, business and economy, religion, the family, women and youth, the media, and the environment.

It is necessary to emphasize that, among other things, we need to teach people to be disciplined in the implementation of medical requirements and recommendations during this time of pandemic. We need also to strengthen human solidarity, because the disease does not ask if you are rich or poor, while the consequences can be suffered all the same.



The Western Balkans region, as we know, is at a crucial moment in its process of integration into the European Union. The current crisis has brought enormous financial and economic problems in our region. However, we see that some political leaders in the Balkans are not focused totally in overcoming these crises but are investing a lot of energy to bring forward their existing selfish agendas, supported by big powers.

I would like to emphasize this point: The Balkan Peninsula can be the treasure of Europe. Historically, it has been the confrontation land of civilizations, religions, cultures and ideologies. It has been the confrontation line between East and West, but it can be the BRIDGE between East and West, and we know that there is a lot of potential.

In order for the Balkans to manifest their true potential now, they need a special focus for deep reconciliation to take place. And it is the responsibility of Europe especially to make it happen. European policymakers must be more careful in their judgments and decisions in relation to the problems in the Balkans, so that true justice prevails. Otherwise, if we do not act responsibly now, the Balkans will continue to produce more history than they can consume.

The Universal Peace Federation is to be appreciated and applauded for its unchanging and steadfast efforts to support the peace processes in the Balkans, and we, as Ambassadors for Peace, will work harder to bring forward the reconciliation process. However, in order for all of us to leave behind a legacy of peace and cooperation for future generations, all parties should work together, including governments, academicians and youth.

Thank you once again for allowing me to address this important event, and God bless you!

Thank you very much!



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Intervention of H.E. Mirek Topolànek in the rally of hope on 9 August 2020

Written by H.E. Mirek Topolànek, Prime Minister of Czech Republic (2006-2009)

Peace and prosperity beyond the Covid 19 crisis: neither rearrangement nor restart, but restore!

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Dear friends, all people of good and free will: The world after the coronavirus crisis might be different. But what will be different? Everyone has a different idea.

In my opinion, we don't need to rearrange or restart the world; we need to restore it. We need to restore the values that helped us make postwar Europe into a better place for life and can make the whole planet a better place for life, if we hold onto them. I am talking about peace and prosperity – the fundamental goals of the former European Coal and Steel Community; I mean values that can protect our freedom.

These values were good for our ancestors seven decades ago. These values allowed us to reunite Europe and ensure its security and prosperity after the devastating war. These values are certainly good enough for us after the COVID-19 crisis. If the world needs to change, let it be a change in the way of returning to peace and prosperity, which ceased to be considered as fundamental goals for many of us—some because they lost faith in these goals, others because they considered that these goals had been achieved and secured definitively. Both approaches are wrong. Peace is threatened, prosperity is irretrievably gone, and freedom is reduced slowly but surely at the end of the day.

Prosperity and security are values that for many people today seem too narrow-minded, too obsolete, too "conservative," and that's why we supposedly should be more visionary, more ambitious, more progressive. Above all, we now must fight for climate, racial, gender and cultural rights. However, peace and prosperity are not outdated, overcome and granted. I am afraid that this substitution of priorities is a fatal mistake. The coronavirus crisis has only emphasized it.

In reality, large groups of the West's citizens feel threatened by globalization, mass migration, terrorism and the economic crisis. They are afraid of losing a historically unique accomplishment of Western civilization that has been achieved thanks to the Marshall Plan, the European Coal and Steel Community, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the U.S. presence in Europe. For the first time in history, the civilization machine was able to provide real prosperity and real security to everyone, not only to a small group of elites.

Right now, even the middle class is uncertain and afraid of losing the achievements of the second half of the 20th century. The majority of the world still have not achieved those. The Great Recession and the ongoing



coronavirus crisis are only deepening those fears and uncertainty. I dare to say, it is most important to assure a worker in Detroit that he will keep his current status and give a sorghum farmer in Kenya real hope that he also will achieve a similar status soon. Peace and prosperity are basic human needs, and we have to guarantee them. If people lack these basic needs, it would be rude to submit to them some others.

It is not fair and it is not wise to force on the people a high price for “noble” goals selected by the liberal elites, without previous and deep discussion with them first. Liberal elites are trying to misuse the fear of infection to push through new ideologies leading to the loss of freedom and to dependence. Nevertheless, while politicians, journalists, academic scholars and representatives of multinational corporations benefit from globalization, hundreds of millions of people have worries and hardships. On the other hand, only prosperous and secure societies have the necessary resources, potential and interest to care about the environment, the status of racial and sexual minorities, women’s rights and humanitarian aid.

Let’s take the West back to the road that was taken in the postwar era, and also let’s encourage the rest of the world to walk that path side by side with the West. Let’s provide people with the basic needs, and they will take care of the noble goals themselves, just as they did 70 years ago.

Let’s not desire a rearrangement or a restart, but let’s desire a renewal of the old virtues instead.

Let’s desire a free trade without free riders such as China, which only exploits the free market in order to protect its own market.

Let’s desire a strong NATO, which will ensure global security and peaceful development.

Let’s insist on human rights and not allow anyone to profit from the violation of those rights.

Let’s desire a new environmental consensus based on innovations and not ideology; based on protecting the environment for life and not on jeopardizing life for environmental reasons.

Let’s desire to remove fundamental decisions about the future from the hands of unelected elites and return them to democratic public decision-making, just as it used to be.

The coronavirus destruction can’t be equal to the destruction in World War II. We are much stronger, richer and have bigger capacities than our ancestors in the ‘50s. But I feel that in comparison to them, we lack faith, will, self-confidence and the ability to distinguish between the substantial and the unsubstantial. Nevertheless, I hope that we are still able to walk toward the goal of peace and prosperity worldwide. There is no restoration without preservation. Let’s preserve the good from the past, let’s avoid well-known mistakes, and we will not lose the future. Your lives matter!



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Intervention of H.E. Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani in the rally of hope on 9 August 2020.

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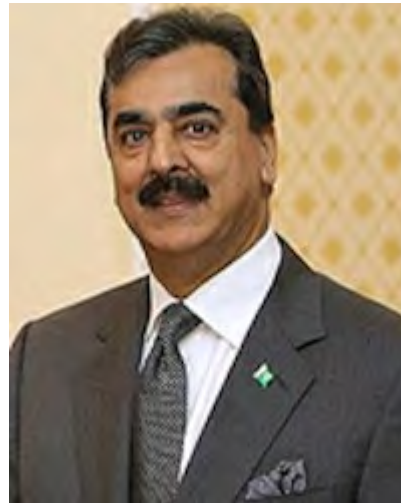


Bismillah ar rehman ur Rahim,

Asalam-A-lekum

Distinguished leaders, excellencies, ladies, and gentlemen,

It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to speak at this prestigious forum. I am thankful to H.E. Co-founder of Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Mother Moon for her unflinching and steadfast commitment to promote peace and harmony. The Universal Peace Federation has once again displayed great initiative in convening a dialogue on an issue which is not only the most important and urgent at present but also an issue which can transform our world in profound ways in the future. This can be a critical point in history and how we respond to the threat of the global pandemic, Covid-19 and the lessons will learn from this experience are of critical importance.



I also speak as a survivor of Covid-19. The experience humbles me for the care that I received. But it also makes me acutely aware of the plight of those who have been less fortunate. I hope and pray that a vaccination is available soon and we collectively defeat this virus.

The challenge first and foremost is of a health emergency. Hundreds of thousands of people have died, millions of families have been affected. The healthcare systems in many countries have collapsed and are under stress and overstretched in many others. People are not only losing lives, but they are also losing livelihoods. The pandemic is strangling our economy. Businesses are being forced to shut down. The closure of borders threatens global trade. Our most marginalized sections of society have been most impacted by the virus, the low-income workers, the unemployed, those with disabilities.

However, amidst this adversity there lie great opportunities; there also lies hope. The Virus does not discriminate on the basis of religion, nationality and skin color. It cannot be restricted to countries or confined within borders. The challenge of Covid-19 is a challenge for all humanity. Any effective response can be based on coordination, universal values, and a spirit of working together. We have an opportunity to realize our common bonds of humanity. The pandemic threatens us all and we can only overcome this together.

Over years and decades, we have overcome famines, plagues and wars and we have done it together. The aftermath of the first world war saw the formation of the League of Nations. The destruction wreaked by the second world war led to the creation of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Today, we need to again pool our resources, expertise, energies and compassion to work towards a world which is safe, kind and just.

My country, Pakistan faces enormous challenges and has been one of the countries worst affected by Covid-19. However, the people of Pakistan have displayed exceptional courage and resilience in the face of a struggling economy, a deadly pandemic, possible food insecurity caused by locust attacks and regional conflicts. Our Doctors, nurses and paramedical staff have sacrificed their lives to protect ours.

The crisis of Covid-19 is an opportunity to reflect upon on priorities as leaders and as countries. We first and foremost need to protect our people from disease and death and that requires healthcare systems that are adequate and available to all. We need to safeguard the economically marginalized to rescue them from poverty and hunger. We cannot offer our people the choice between starvation and infection.

Covid-19 crisis has also spotlighted the need for science and education to fight disease and ignorance. We also need to reflect on how we reached a point where 800 million children out of school globally. Nearly 22 million children don't have access to education in Pakistan. We need to do better.

We have a choice. The choice between polarization, division, hatred and unity, love and kindness. With unprecedented challenges come unprecedented opportunities. Today, there is an opportunity for the world, particularly the wealthy countries to stand with countries who do not have the resources to fight this on their own. The debts of low-income countries should be restructured to give them an opportunity to save the lives and livelihoods of their people. The vaccine should belong to humanity, to everyone.

We need to do more than just survive this pandemic. We must emerge from it stronger, better and kinder than before. Other common challenges to humanity such as Climate Change, extreme poverty and lack of access to education need to be fought successfully before it is too late.

We have the opportunity to start the journey of founding a world based on brotherhood and empathy. We should seize this opportunity. I am hopeful that we will.

Thank you.



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