



Ethiopian Catholic Church – Ethiopian Catholic Secretariat

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Ethiopian Catholic Church Justice and Peace Commission*, with the aim of promoting a culture of peace, non-violence, interfaith harmony & Cooperation, reconciliation and peace-building training; and

WHEREAS, *Religious and faith based organizations* has a major role to play in promoting peace, healing and social development; and

WHEREAS, *Peace is not something which we can leave only to the United Nations, governments and International organizations*, as it needs the effort of people from all walks of life to be share-holders; and

WHEREAS, *Co-operation & partnership of Civil Societies with the United Nations* is a pathway to build a culture of peace and create a better world for the children of the world; and

WHEREAS, *in 1981 the United Nation proclaimed that the International Day of Peace would be “devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideas of peace both within and among all nations and peoples”*; and

WHEREAS, *there is growing support among members of our organization for the observance of the International Day of Peace, which affirms a vision of a healthy world at peace, and fosters cooperation among individuals, organizations and nations*; and

WHEREAS, *Ethiopian Catholic Church Justice and Peace Commission* is committed to join hand with the United Nations and people around the world in pledging its commitment to peace and Interfaith harmony, to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Millennium Development Goals and to justice and healing for all, on this day and always; and

THEREFORE, *Ethiopian Catholic Church Justice and Peace Commission* do hereby join the United Nations to proclaim September 21, as “**THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**”

Signed on this 23rd, July 2008 in Addis Ababa

+Abune Berhaneyesus D. Souraphiel, C.M.
Metropolitan Archbishop
President of the Ethiopian Catholic Bishops' Conference



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