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## **Istanbul Declaration of the International Foundation for Sustainable Peace and Development (IFSPD) 3 March 2019**

We the scientists, experts, diplomats, artists, representatives of international organizations, civil society and the media, intellectuals, from 38 countries who are actively cooperating members of the International Foundation for Sustainable Peace and Development (hereinafter referred to as IFSPD), participating at the Jubilee event dedicated to 10th anniversary of the IFSPD, on 3-4 March 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey:

- guided by the IFSPD Charter, the objectives of Article 2 of the United Nations Charter, Article 41 of the UN Charter on the "complete or partial interruption of economic relations and of rail, sea, air, postal, telegraphic, radio, and other means of communication, and the severance of diplomatic relations with countries that use force in order to ensure peace and security in the world", the Hague Convention of 1907 on the Laws and Customs of War on Land, the 1948 UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights on protection of civilians in time of war, the 1972 UN Convention on "the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons and on their destruction", United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3314 of 1974 on the definition of the concept of aggression, the 1976 UN Convention on the Prohibition of Military or Any Other Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques, 1993 UN Convention on "the prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons and on their destruction", the UN Security Council Resolution 984 (1995) on "avoiding and averting the danger of nuclear war, preventing the spread of nuclear weapons, facilitating international cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy with

particular emphasis on the needs of developing countries, and reaffirming the crucial importance of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to these efforts”, the UN International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism (1999), the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime (2001), UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004) on “the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, as well as their means of delivery, which is a threat to international peace and security”, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and taking into account other international documents:

- emphasizing the accomplishment of significant success in achieving the goals set by the IFSPD over the past 10 years through coherent work;
- highly appreciating the significant achievements in solving a multitude of humanitarian problems, especially in the field of education and health care, the spread of information and communication technologies, the formation of a society based on knowledge and progressive thinking;
- guided by the fact that respect for such principles such as human dignity, the rule of law, justice, equality, humanism, racial, ethnic and cultural diversity are of paramount importance;
- supporting the achievement of sustainable development goals in countries represented in the IFSPD, and addressing the major challenges facing humanity;
- considering the achievement of sustainable development without world peace as impossible;
- advocating for a fair resolution of all protracted conflicts in accordance with the UN Charter, the norms and principles of international law;
- noting the need to ensure, on an ongoing basis, the implementation of the economic, social and environmental measures constituting sustainable development;
- strongly condemning the escalating conflicts, violent extremism, religious radicalism, terrorism and related humanitarian crises;
- expressing concern about the possible return of the Cold War, the increase of a threat of a nuclear war, the weapons that pose a threat to the security of mankind, cybercrime, unfair and unjustified economic sanctions and the possibility of the further development of artificial intelligence and its takeover;

- underlining serious concerns about the fact that combating violence, organized and transnational crime, drug trafficking, human and organ trafficking did not produce the desired result;

- assessing as a serious threat to environmental pollution, over-exploitation of natural resources, activities on the part of states aimed at changing the environment, increasing world poverty, social imbalances and the spread of various epidemics;

-condemning any manifestation of problems such as xenophobia, racial discrimination and intolerance in individual countries;

- being aware of the existence of many countries' still big problems regarding the sustainable development, and also taking into account the threats and risks against humanity,

- supporting the improvement of the implementation mechanisms of resolutions adopted by the UN Security Council, and the total, unconditional implementation of the resolutions adopted without any discrimination,

Declare the following:

- In its activities, IFSPD will remain committed to international documents and principles of humanism and will;

- make a contribution so that all states of the world comply with obligations emanating from international law, do not resort to violence or use force, and resolve conflicts peacefully within the framework of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of states in accordance with the norms and principles of international law;

-support the expansion of democratic processes in society, the efforts of states to ensure the implementation of human rights and freedoms, freedom of expression, of the press and the rule of law;

- encourage the development of friendly relations and cooperation between nations based on mutual trust, strengthening inter-civilizational dialogue, expanding sensible civil societies;

- analyzing current world problems, threats to the world and humanity, social and humanitarian challenges in countries, continue conducting scientific research, scientific and practical conferences, round tables and extensive discussions;

- motivate the activity, creativity and innovation in young talented people with high intellectual and scholar potential;

- analyze such aspects as innovations, forecasts for the future, urgent tasks of the 21st century, as well as to continue with the research;
- expand cooperation with other international organizations, influential non-governmental organizations and think tanks, operating in accordance with the above-mentioned objectives, aimed at addressing contemporary global and local challenges.

By accepting this Declaration, we consider it important to send it to the UN, OSCE, EU, CoE, OIC, African Union, the League of Arab States, and the Organization of American States (OAS) for consideration in their activities.