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**4D FOR WORLD PEACE**

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### **4D CHARTER FOR WORLD PEACE – WHAT IS IT AND WHY?**

4D Charter is a free forum for critical discussion, developing solutions and implementation of global peace and sustainable development priorities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It is about creating global frameworks for taking actions on the interconnecting global issues of disarming and demilitarising the world, the savings thus achieved to be deployed for peace building, development and promotion of democracy.

As we live in an interdependent world, most of the global issues (poverty, wars, terrorism, human rights violations, climate change crisis, etc.) are interlinked. In this respect, 4D vision addresses the underlying causes of conflict and underdevelopment by working on Disarmament, Demilitarisation, Development and Democracy. It is not about stand-alone projects but creating joint projects to work in more coordinated way and in tandem for achieving world peace.

The Preamble to the United Nation's Charter speaks of the interrelated issues of our world when it declares its determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, by reaffirming its faith in Human Rights, establishing conditions for justice and respect for International Law, promoting the practice of tolerance for people to live together in peace, ensuring armed force shall not be used except in the common interest and employing international machinery for the

promotion of economic and social advancement of all the world's peoples.

The interconnectedness of the global issues is endorsed by Kofi Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations who said in his report; *A more secured world: Our shared responsibility*

“Historians may well look back on the first years of the twenty-first century as a decisive moment in the human story. The different societies that make up the human family are today interconnected as never before. They face threats that no nation can hope to master by acting alone - and opportunities that can be much more hopefully exploited if all nations work together.

What is needed is a comprehensive system of collective security: one that tackles both new and old threats, and addresses the security concerns of all States - rich and poor, weak and strong. Today's threats to our security are all interconnected. We can no longer afford to see problems such as terrorism, or civil wars, or extreme poverty, in isolation. Our strategies must be comprehensive. Our institutions must overcome their narrow preoccupations and learn to work across the whole range of issues, in a concerted fashion.”

The 4D Charter Campaign aims to be distinctive in bringing together the four key strands of Disarmament, Demilitarisation, Development and Democracy. In this respect, it is different from well established single issues campaigns.

4D Charter works on four pillars which are: working for Disarmament, Demilitarisation, Development and Democracy. These are the international community's most important tools for cooperation and building a world free from wars, want and fear.

For International Peace and Human Security to thrive, it is important to build sustainable development, good governance and respect for Human Rights. Working as a team with many strands of civil society and dealing with all the issues jointly under 4D Charter is a path towards achieving world peace.

4D Charter has holistic solutions to all the interrelated issues and a multilateral approach in collectively dealing with the threats and challenges of today. The international community needs to link the agendas of development, environment and disarmament together by building partnerships at national and global level. It also reflects more accurately the purpose of the UN Charter, its treaties and conventions.

Uniting for Peace in cooperation with other stakeholders, will carry forward the 4D vision in a single unified way for a changing world.

#### **4D CHARTER GOALS:**

- Global Education for a Culture of Peace, nonviolence, protection of Human Rights, social justice, building an ethical and moral society
- Disarmament, nuclear and non-nuclear
- Demilitarisation, reduction of military spending and prevention of war through conflict resolution, dialogue, diplomacy, reconciliation, mutual understanding and cooperation.
- Promoting an effective and credible United Nations and other international institutions
- Poverty reduction and sustainable development
- Working for an open, transparent and democratic civil society

#### **MECHANISMS OR METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE CHARTER ARE:**

- Building a 4D Charter website
- Hosting events, conferences, seminars, round tables etc.
- Publications – briefings, books, documentaries, videos, newsletters
- Harnessing public opinion via online campaign using the media, press, TV, radio and social media (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter etc.)
- Informing and engaging – in UK and globally – with leaders, policy makers, parliamentarians, NGOs, International Institutions, Civil Society, the Media, the Business Community and research bodies.
- Building a members and supporters database of individuals and organisations for expanding the campaign

- Working with United Nations and the European Union.

### **SOME EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS BY ORGANISATIONS AND GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGNS ON A GLOBAL SCALE ARE:**

- Landmines, Cluster Munitions Treaty
- Formation of International Criminal Court
- Non-violent grassroots revolution in Middle East and North Africa
- Kyoto Protocol on Environment
- MDG's-Millennium Development Goals on Poverty Reduction and Development
- NPT-Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty on Nuclear Disarmament
- Amnesty International – Defending Human Rights
- Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace – Environmental protection
- Jubilee Debt Campaign for Debt Reduction in Third World
- Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) – Nuclear Disarmament

### **IDEAS AND ACTIONS FOR THE 4D CHARTER FOR WORLD PEACE**

There are ideas, actions and projects which will be undertaken to achieve the goals of 4D. Among them one is based on Article 26 of the UN Charter which mandates the UN Security Council with formulating a plan to promote the establishment and maintenance of international peace and security with the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources. The Security Council has entirely neglected this responsibility and its permanent members have instead engaged in weapons profiteering and arms race, resulting in today's global security and sustainable development crisis.

The military budgets of nations should never be bigger than budgets for health, education and development. In 2009 global military expenditure was more than \$1.6 trillion, on average more than \$4 billion a day. It has led to war and violence the cost of which to the global economy is more than \$8.12 trillion in 2010 according to Global Peace Index. The charter will expose the Military Industrial Complex and seek for reduction of military budgets and savings to be deployed for peace and development.

By way of contrast, an average of more than 24,000 children under the age of five die every day from mainly preventable causes - lack of access to adequate food, clean water and basic medicines. That is one of the prices paid, the collateral damage that is seldom talked about, for maintaining armed forces in a state of combat readiness around the world. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defence than on programmes of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom."

### **THE CHARTER WILL AIM:**

- To develop, implement solutions and projects following the 4D vision of Culture of Peace and nonviolence
- To lobby United Nations to activate Article 26 of the UN Charter for demilitarisation
- To lobby leaders, governments, MPs, MEPs and EU Parliament for the reduction of military spending in US and Europe
- To work with civil society, NGOs and academics to spread awareness of the Charter

4D is a Charter of people and organisations which believe that through the savings gained by disarmament and demilitarisation, we can implement development, completion of MDGs and promote democracy. It also believes that true and lasting Peace can only be sustained when economic, social and environmental justice have been achieved.

The founder of 4D Charter is Vijay Mehta and it is inspired by his forthcoming book

### **The Economics of Killing:**

#### **How the West Fuels War and Poverty in the Developing World**

The 4D Charter is endorsed by Uniting for Peace, large number of NGO's and individuals.

# JOIN 4D FOR A SAFER AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD

Our membership is open and we welcome volunteers with expertise and knowledge to take 4D charter to new heights. All we request you is to join us and pass this message to people in your network to become part of working for a just, peaceful and sustainable future. To join, simply send an email to [vijay@vmpeace.org](mailto:vijay@vmpeace.org) or fill up the form below and post it to us.

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