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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

Note verbale dated 18 August 1986 from the Permanent
Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Venezuela to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and wishes to transmit to him, in answer to the request made in his note verbale dated 4 April 1986, Venezuela's national co-ordination programme for the International Year of Peace, for inclusion in the report to be presented by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its forty-first session in accordance with operative paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 40/11 of 11 November 1985 on the subject.

The Permanent Mission of Venezuela takes this opportunity to request that the document in question be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 21 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

International Year of Peace: National Programme of Venezuela

In resolution 37/16 of 16 November 1982 the General Assembly of the United Nations formally proclaimed 1986 to be the International Year of Peace; it also called on all peoples to join the Organization in its determination to safeguard peace and the future well-being of mankind.

In response to the invitation of the United Nations, the President of the Republic established the National Co-ordinating Committee for the International Year of Peace by Decree No. 966 of 8 January 1986; the Committee consists of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (its Chairman), the Ministers of Education and Youth, the Minister of State for Culture, the President of the National Academy of Political and Social Sciences, the President of the autonomous National Library Institute and Library Services, the head of the Central Information Office and the President of the Latin American Foundation for Human Rights and Social Development.

The National Committee is responsible for formulating, co-ordinating and developing the activities to mark the International Year of Peace in Venezuela. There are plans, inter alia, to encourage educational, cultural and academic institutions and the mass media to promote peace, international security and co-operation on the basis of the United Nations Charter and the peaceful settlement of disputes, and to increase public awareness of, and support for, United Nations activities.

In view of the considerations of Decree No. 966 of the President of the Republic and in pursuance of articles 5 and 7 thereof, the National Co-ordinating Committee for the International Year of Peace has adopted the following:

NATIONAL PROGRAMME

The National Programme envisages integrating the central activities of the International Year of Peace to be carried out in a co-ordinated manner and in close collaboration by the public and private bodies represented in the National Co-ordinating Committee. These activities shall promote the broadest possible participation of the social, cultural and political sectors of Venezuela.

Activities to be carried out by the Ministry of Education

The activities to be carried out by the Ministry of Education shall take place in every educational sector in the country.

1. Establishment of peace committees in each official and private establishment in order to programme and develop peace-related activities.
2. Workshops, seminars and lectures for educators.

3. Presentation of audio-visual educational materials.
4. Inclusion in school curricula, in the basic and diversified cycles, on a regular and specific basis, of courses regarding the purposes of the United Nations with respect to international peace and co-operation.
5. Promotion among student circles of competitions and entertainment relating to the International Year of Peace.
6. Establishment of a national prize for the educator who has done most to promote peace.

Activities to be carried out by the Ministry of Youth

1. Activities designed to bring young people into the productive process, to include them in specific voluntary projects and, through the Youth and Frontier Programme, to create a sound nationalistic awareness.
2. Establishment of the National Council of Families for Peace.
3. Implementation of activities designed to bring about the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.
4. Competition entitled "Song for Peace".
5. Media marathon.
6. Programme to protect the family from maltreatment at the parochial and national level.

Activities to be carried out by the Ministry of Culture

1. Competitions in the area of the performing and plastic arts, literature, films and photography on themes relating to peace to be specified by the Ministry of Culture. They will include the following:
 - (a) Santiago Magarinos competition for playwrights;
 - (b) International Year of Peace, 1986, Prize of the National Cultural Council, to be awarded in the plastic arts;
 - (c) Preparation of a National Cultural Council poster for the International Year of Peace;
 - (d) Literary competition for young writers and poets on themes relating to peace;

- (e) Film scripts competition for a feature film on peace;
 - (f) National poster competition relating to peace.
2. Special editions of the magazines Imagen and Revista Nacional de Cultura dedicated to the International Year of Peace.
 3. Concerts and music festivals on the occasion of the celebration of the International Year of Peace.
 4. National musical literacy campaign for the traditional small four-stringed guitar.
 5. Exhibitions in various museums dedicated to the International Year of Peace.
 6. Exhibition in the Museum of Folklore of traditional popular games and toys from Venezuela and from all over the world.
 7. Staging of a central event, on 29 November 1986, in the Teresa Carreño Theatre for the awarding of the various prizes.

Activities to be carried out by the National Academy for
Political and Social Sciences

1. Encouragement of the members of the Academy to write articles relating to the International Year of Peace and subsequent publication of such articles in the social communications media.
2. Presentation by members of the Academy of statements and lectures on the theme of peace.
3. Preparation of a list of lectures on the subject, to include the following titles: "International law and peace"; "Right to development and peace"; "Drug trafficking and peace"; "Violence and peace"; and "Human rights and peace".

Activities to be carried out by the autonomous National Library
Institute and National Public Library Network

1. To contribute to the preparation and publication of a compilation of the main legal instruments promoting peace.
2. To provide public libraries with material to inform and educate the public on developments regarding peace and to promote knowledge and analysis of such material among users, particularly young people and children.
3. To carry out, with users of the National Public Library Network, activities designed to deepen the overall view of peace by means of special

activities. Foremost among these activities are the programme "Ventures in vacations" and the National Papagayos Festival "We want peace for the skies".

4. To provide facilities to the 390 services which make up the National Public Library Network for workshops, courses, talks and lectures on the subject of peace.

5. To hold an exhibition at the Metropolitan Library of Caracas of posters designed in Venezuela and abroad on the subject of peace.

Activities to be carried out by the Central Information Office

1. Mention of "1986, International Year of Peace" in introductory messages on national television.

2. Production and dissemination of discussions and news and documentary programmes on the subject "the International Year of Peace".

3. Stamping of the International Year of Peace emblem on official printed matter.

4. Promotion and dissemination of the various activities carried out by the National Co-ordinating Committee for the International Year of Peace.

Activities to be carried out by the Latin America Foundation for Human Rights and Social Development (FUNDALATIN)

1. Publication of a manual regarding educational methodologies for the preservation of peace.

2. Compilation of the principal legal instruments promoting peace.

3. Intensive courses on the theme "Peace does not happen, it is built" in order to train extension workers who will disseminate the aims of the International Year of Peace.

4. Discussions on the following topics "The family as a factor for peace or violence", "Violence and television" and "Violence and aggressive play".

5. Measures to encourage the establishment of permanent professorships of education for peace in the universities.

6. Production of audio-visual programmes on the subject of peace for the population in general.

7. Promotion of discussions of the subject among professional and technical personnel.

8. Participation in the implementation of large-scale events for peace including the following:

- (a) Second music festival "Songs and messages for peace";
- (b) National Papagayos Festival with the motto "We want peace for the skies";
- (c) "Symbolic taking of Caracas" with the participation of children and young people under the motto "156 years of peace in Venezuela, a non-aggressive country".

Activities to be carried out by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Campaign to disseminate information regarding the struggle against apartheid.
2. Extension of invitations to Mrs. Winnie Mandela and/or Bishop Desmond Tutu to visit Venezuela.
3. Special edition of the magazine Análisis of the Institute of International Affairs, which will include documents issued by the Contadora Group.
4. Publication of lectures to be delivered at the Institute of International Affairs during the International Year of Peace.
