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**ДИАЛОГ НА ВОЛГЕ:
МИР И ВЗАИМОПОНИМАНИЕ
В XXI ВЕКЕ**

RESOLUTION

**of the International Forum of People's Diplomacy
“Dialogue on the Volga: Peace and Mutual Understanding
in the 21st century”
and
the 29th General Assembly
of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities**

We, participants of the International Forum of People's Diplomacy “Dialogue on the Volga: Peace and Mutual Understanding in the 21st century” and the 29th General Assembly of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, which took place in Volgograd (Russia) on October 31 – November 1, 2018 on the occasion of the World Cities Day designated by the United Nations General Assembly to be annually celebrated on October 31,

- acknowledging the merits of the cities of Coventry (Great Britain) and Stalingrad-Volgograd (Russia), that in 1944 laid the foundations for the international twinning movement,
- taking into account Stalingrad-Volgograd's (Russia) experience of many years in the development and promotion of the ideas of peace and people's diplomacy,
- developing friendly relations between nations in accordance with the principles of respect, equal rights and self-determination of peoples,
- firmly condemning any manifestations of violence, discrimination, xenophobia, racism, any attempts at the rehabilitation of fascism and reconsideration of the historical results of World War 2,
- supporting the ideas of disarmament, non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, peaceful coexistence and consolidation of the international community for the sake of peace and security on the planet,

- attesting that the global character of the changes occurring in the world today is taking a menacing turn and requires immediate search for the constructive ways of overcoming political, economic, social and humanitarian problems,
- recognizing the growing role and opportunities of people's diplomacy in overcoming the next outburst of international confrontation and in the strengthening of the relations between nations,

have resolved to:

1. Address the cities of the whole world with an appeal to actively contribute to the strengthening of peace in international relations, in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals proclaimed in the Resolution 70/1 adopted by the United National General Assembly on 25.09.2015;
2. Address international structures of people's diplomacy with an appeal to support all initiatives aimed at the building of a meaningful dialogue between the world's political leaders in accordance with the Declaration on the Right to Peace adopted by the United National General Assembly Resolution 71/189 of 19.12.2016;
3. Increase the involvement of youth, civic society representatives and media from different countries in the work of expert communities to facilitate the exchange and dissemination of objective information about international agenda;
4. Contribute to the increase of media awareness about the work of the International Forum of People's Diplomacy in Volgograd, as well as about the positive experience in the area of peaceful initiatives implementation by the international organizations, countries and cities that took part in this Forum;
5. Entrust the Secretariat of the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities with forwarding this Resolution to the United Nations Organization and to the International Association's member-cities.
6. Entrust the Forum's Organizing Committee with forwarding this Resolution to the municipalities of Volgograd's twin and partner-cities, their public diplomacy institutions, international organizations and unions.

We are convinced:

The implementation of the suggestions listed in this Resolution will contribute to the strengthening of peace and security, the development of international links in accordance with the principles and norms of the international law, the development of municipal institutions in political, economic, cultural and humanitarian areas, and serve the interests of the civic society.

This Resolution is composed in the Russian and English languages, each of them being equally deeming and binding.

Volgograd

November 1, 2018