

Islamabad Declaration, World Council of Religion, September 16th 2004

As a follow up to the Oslo declaration of June 2004, a gathering of Muslims and Christians (Almost 300) met in Islamabad on September 16th, 2004, under the gracious chairmanship of General Pervez Musharaf, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The gathering included eminent religious scholars and other people of influence in their respective areas.

The occasion was meant on the one hand to launch the World Council of Religions, which emerged out of the Oslo Declaration on inter-religious relationships, and on the other, it was to involve the majority of religious leaders and scholars in interfaith cooperation.

The Council is established to promote Peace Justice and Harmony across religious, social and political areas of communities at local, national and global levels:

- We commit ourselves to promoting a spirit of harmony, understanding and cooperation wherever we live together in our local communities, working on the principles of caring for and sharing with others and creating a lasting relationship amongst us.
- We commit ourselves to help build a nation, which promotes equity, justice and tolerance, across the different communities and upholds religious and human rights and values of all communities and honour the opinions and feelings of others.
- We commit ourselves to creating a family across the world, which respects human dignity, honours the sovereignty of God, and promotes justice and peace. We also Condemn terrorism in all its forms whilst recognising the need for addressing the root causes of hatred and violence.

Invitees

Muhammad Hanif Jallanhry
Samuel Azariah

Reception Committee

Mufti Muneeb-ur-Rehman
Moulana Abdul Malik
Moulana Fazul-ur-Raheem
Moulana Hafiz Sayed Riaz Hussain Najfi
Moulana Mian Naeem-ur-Rehman
Dr. Ubaid Ullah Khalid
Dr. Mano Rumlshah

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Resolutions

This conference resolves:

- That we endorse the launch of the World Council of Religions so that it may be used as an instrument to promote peace and justice for people of all societies and nations, all castes and creeds as well as faiths.
- That we condemn targeting innocent civilians, children, women and the elderly.
- That we condemn the illegal detention of people and the ill treatment of prisoners everywhere in the world.
- That we face up to the remedy the root causes which lead people towards extreme actions and terrorism.
- That we appeal to all groups, governmental or private, involved in conflict to please avoid attacking and desecrating places of worship and sanctity.
- That we work towards joint actions, by sharing our resources and personnel in areas of human development, irrespective of creed, class and customs.
- That we work against poverty, ignorance and addiction.
- That we ensure that minorities have the due respect and equal rights.