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Draft Concept Note

PEACE, WOMEN, SECURITY & SECULARISM

*Towards the 19th Anniversary of the United Nations Security Council
Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women and Peace and Security*

and

In support of the SDGs#5, #16 and #17

Date: On Thursday, April 11, 2019

Time: 2:00 – 4:00pm

Venue: The Salvation Army Intl. Social Justice Commission

Address: 221 E 52nd St, New York, NY, 10022

INTRODUCTION:

This event aims to support and create awareness on the United Nations Security Council Resolution #1325 (2000) in correlation with the concept of “**Secularism**”, which is the missing key component of the #1325 framework. It also aims to introduce the SDGs#5, 16 and 17 to the general public in conjunction with the #1325 towards the attainment of the 2030 Development Agenda.

BACKGROUND:

Although rapidly approaching to the 19th Anniversary of the historical achievement and unanimous approval of the UN Security Council Resolution #1325 “on Peace, Women & Security” on October 31, 2000, the last 19 years did not present a much safer world, despite of the appreciation and expanded recognition and knowledge of the #1325 in the world since then. In contrary, the last 19 years, has brought in more domestic, regional and international long-lasting, and sustained conflicts versus sustained “peace and security” which has produced about 68 million forced refugees on the global level, which is the highest figure of the Human History.

As taking on the year 2000 as the marking point both for the #1325 along with the Millennium Declaration (MD) in 2000 together, in many parts of the world both on the local-national-regional and global levels, the risks and threats were more present during the first 15 years’ time-period, versus security in terms of Global Peace and Security on Women/Girls’ daily safe livelihood at large.

The second stage of the Millennium Declaration–2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals from 2015 to 2030 unfortunately has left out the backbone of human development and sustainability such as #Article 1, 3 and 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. This means that the UN has not been able to secure PEACE & SECURITY on WOMEN/GIRLS and children in the world so far!

In this context, while celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in particular, Article 1, Article 3 and Article #19, these are somewhat undermined by the Member States of the UN versus “Freedom of Religion”. This also somewhat triggered, encouraged and set out a global tone on the global level towards rapid rising of the extremists and fundamentalism since 2000. As its effect and overall outcome, **secularism** has been pushed away and ignored, treated as if “*it is not worth to mention*” or to be included to the ongoing discussions both on the ground of the United Nations as well as on the national and the global levels.



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Within this abstract context, the leading organization of this event, The Light Millennium, and the co-organizer/co-sponsors aim to bring back the “**Secularism**” concept into the discussion at the UN Ground as an “underlining” concept and a proposal in reference to “Peace & Security” for “Women/Girls” and “Human Security” for all.

In fact, the United Nations is a purely secular-multilateral, multi-ethnic, multi-religion and utmost important Organization of the World to provide “PEACE & SECURITY” for all human beings that “No One Should Left Behind”. On the other-hand, almost to the point of “removal”, secularism which is one of the umbrellas and solutions towards embracing all religion, race, ethnic, creed, etc., along with the Articles 1, 3 and 19 as the backbone of the achievements of the 2030 Agenda of the UN, has left out some key components out of the 2030 Agenda in 17 Goals of the SDGS, providing several back-doors and many gray areas for international politics, war-lords and conflict creators.

In conclusion, this event aims to bring back the “Secularism” concept into the discussion in correlation with the #1325 and SDGS, as a proposal to be; and sustain “Peace, Woman and Human Security” at large in the world, which may be the only way to speed up achievements of the SDGS by 2030.

This event will be presented in two sessions:

FORMAT:

1: OPENING SESSION will be consisted of the introduction of the #1325 & Secularism in support of the SDG#5, 16 and 17, and will be presented through invited speakers from the UN related Agencies, Missions, and Academia/Expert.

2: MULTI-PARTICIPATORY SESSION will be consisted both content contributions by the co-organizers and/or sponsor/co-sponsors of this event along with those **who have responded to this OPEN CALL within the deadline to EVENT@lightmillennium.org by **March 15, 2019****.

The most related selected and/or newly written ideas, brief essay, statement, poetry, quote in connection with the event's overarching *Concept* will be listed in the Second Part of the Program.

Each of the presenters may have from 1 min up to 3 min time that also could be a selected idea in connection with SDG5, 16 and 17 and relevant targets, UN-related documents.

Interested individuals may choose one of the keywords such as “**Peace**” or “**Woman**” or “**Security**” or “**Secularism**” or on one of the relevant SDGS and/or a combination in between these.

• We also **WELCOME** all interested performers/musicians/singers to contribute with a concept relevant piece and enhance the program via music and/or performance.

[*] <http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>

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The Light Millennium aims to post all the presented statements/ideas through the www.unngoga.org website follow by April 11, 2019 Program, and request to be emailed to EVENT@lightmillennium.org by April 8, 2019.

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