

## **Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence: Ten Years of Progress and Reflections.**

*In 2010, we have the opportunity to gather the fruits to analyze the initiatives of the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World 2001-2010 proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations.*

Over 700 organizations from 48 countries participated in the 2005 report. In this call, more than 180 organizations have answered the questionnaire for the Final Civil Society Report of the UN International Decade for a Culture of Peace (2001-2010)

To promote and reflect on achievements, progress and new challenges from civil society, in your important contribution in promoting and consolidating a Culture of Peace in the world, a group of Young Volunteers is working to produce the Final Civil Society Report of the UN International Decade for a Culture of Peace (2001-2010) to be submitted to the General Assembly of the United Nations in September this year.

One of the main objectives of this group of young people from several countries, is to gather as many organisations as possible of organisations from the civil society, from all continents, which were engaged in efforts to promote a Culture of Peace through eight domains: culture of peace through education; sustainable economic and social development; respect for all human rights; equality between women and men; democratic participation; understanding, tolerance and solidarity; participatory communication and the free flow of information; and international peace and security.

To accomplish this purpose, the Youth Volunteer Team has a website <http://decade-culture-of-peace.org> , available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish, in which various NGOs have completed a questionnaire which subtracts the content for the report. So far more than 170 organisations from various regions have completed the questionnaire. The report has the support of important organizations like the Centre UNESCO Catalonia -UNESCOCAT, the Fundación Cultura de Paz, the Escola de Cultura de Pau of the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Brazilian Association of Organizers of Folk Festivals and Popular Arts - ABraSOFFA, The United Network of Young Peacebuilders – UNOY, among others.

To move forward with this work, we invite you to be part of this initiative supporting the elaboration by completing the questionnaire before April 31, 2010. It is available online in our website: <http://decade-culture-of-peace.org/> . Alternatively, in the webpage, you will find a Word version of the questionnaire that you can send via email. The promotion of your contributions on the advances and promotion of a Culture of Peace is an important element to build as a group a just and sustainable peace for all.

To move forward this representative work, the Youth Volunteer Team invites all those interested organizations to join this initiative, connecting in the first instance to the Report through the questionnaire that is posted on its website. The development and socialization of the contribution of civil society in developing a culture of peace, is established as a fundamental element for joint action to allow construction of a just and sustainable peace for all. Therefore, your support is valuable!

If you wish to participate, for more information, to contact the group on Facebook, to consult the 2005 report, see the following links:

Questionnaire:

[www.decade-culture-of-peace.org](http://www.decade-culture-of-peace.org)

Meet the Youth Team for the Culture of Peace.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=196437314231&ref=mf>