

GENEVA SPIRITUAL APPEAL

Because our personal convictions or the religions to which we owe allegiance have in common
a respect for the integrity of humankind.

Because our personal convictions or the religions to which we owe allegiance have in common
a rejection of hatred and violence.

Because our personal convictions or the religions to which we owe allegiance have in common
the hope for a better and more just world.

Representing religious communities and civil society we appeal to the leaders of this world, whatever
their field of influence, to strictly adhere to the following three principles:

A refusal to invoke a religious or spiritual power to justify violence of any kind,

A refusal to invoke a religious or spiritual source to justify discrimination and exclusion

A refusal to exploit or dominate others by means of strength intellectual capacity or spiritual
persuasion, wealth or social status.

Grounded in the Genevan tradition of welcome, refuge and compassion, our appeal is open to all
whose convictions are in accordance with these three demands.

Yahia BASALAMAH, Imam of the Mosque in Geneva

Monseigneur DAMASKINOS, Metropolitan of Switzerland and Exarch of Europe (Ecumenical patriarchate)

The Venerable DHAMMIKA, Head of the Buddhist Vihara at Geneva and of the International Buddhist Foundation

Rabbi François GARAI, Liberal Synagogue, Geneva

Very Reverend William McCOMISH, Dean of St Pierre Cathedral, Geneva (Protestant)

Reverend Jean-Claude MOKRY, Priest of Saint-Germain (Old Catholic)

Reverend Jean-Paul DE SURY, Episcopal delegate (Roman Catholic Church)

Signature added :

Mujin SUNIM, Buddhist Community

Hafid OUARDIRI, Foundation of Inter-Knowledge (islam)

Maxime ROTHOS, Archimandrite (Orthodox)

Hélène QUELEN MOKRY (Old Catholic)

Vincent SCHMID, St Pierre Cathedral, Geneva (Protestant)

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Mary ROBINSON, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva

Sadako OGATA, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva

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