

The Universal Declaration on the Illegality of Non-Defensive Warfare and Warmongering

Preamble

Recognizing the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family as the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world;

Acknowledging the devastating consequences of warfare, including the loss of lives, the destruction of communities, and the long-lasting impact on the environment and global stability;

Recognizing that non-defensive warfare and warmongering are threats to international peace and security, and that the pursuit of peaceful resolution of conflicts is a fundamental principle for the survival and well-being of humanity;

Reaffirming the commitments made in the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other international treaties and agreements aimed at promoting peace and preventing conflict;

We, the people of the world, proclaim this Universal Declaration on the Illegality of Non-Defensive Warfare and Warmongering as a common standard of achievement for all nations and peoples, to the end that every individual and organ of society shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance.

Article 1: Right to Peace

Every individual, community, and nation possesses the inherent right to live in peace, free from the threat of warfare and violence. This includes the right to security within their borders and protection from all forms of aggression and warmongering.

Article 2: Illegality of Non-Defensive Warfare

Non-defensive warfare, defined as any military action not undertaken in direct self-defense or without the explicit authorization of the United Nations Security Council, is illegal. Nations and leaders engaging in non-defensive warfare shall be held accountable under international law.

Article 3: Prohibition of Warmongering

Warmongering, defined as the advocacy, promotion, or instigation of war or conflict, is prohibited. Individuals, organizations, and governments that engage in warmongering shall face legal consequences under national and international law.

Article 4: Right to Non-Discrimination in Peacebuilding

Efforts to build and maintain peace must be inclusive and non-discriminatory, ensuring equal participation from all segments of society, including marginalized and vulnerable groups.

Article 5: Commitment to Conflict Resolution

Nations and international bodies are obligated to pursue peaceful means of conflict resolution, including diplomacy, mediation, and negotiation. All parties to a conflict must commit to dialogue and constructive engagement to resolve disputes.

Article 6: Right to Justice and Reparations

Victims of non-defensive warfare and warmongering have the right to justice and reparations. Perpetrators of war crimes and acts of aggression shall be prosecuted, and affected individuals and communities shall receive adequate compensation and support for reconstruction and recovery.

Article 7: Obligation to Disarmament

States have the duty to pursue disarmament, particularly the reduction and eventual elimination of weapons of mass destruction. The proliferation of arms and military technology must be strictly controlled to prevent their misuse in acts of aggression.

Article 8: Education and Awareness

Educational programs shall be developed and implemented to promote the values of peace, non-violence, and conflict resolution. These programs should aim to raise awareness about the illegality and consequences of non-defensive warfare and warmongering.

Article 9: International Cooperation

Nations must cooperate in the enforcement of this declaration, working through international institutions to monitor, prevent, and address acts of non-defensive warfare and warmongering. Collaboration and mutual assistance are essential for maintaining global peace and security.

Article 10: Monitoring and Accountability

Mechanisms shall be established for the monitoring and enforcement of this declaration. An independent international body shall be tasked with investigating allegations of non-defensive warfare and warmongering, and holding violators accountable.