



FAWCO UN Report

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Program: International School of Geneva Annual Education Conference in Conjunction with the United Nations

Speakers: Included: Introductory remarks by Mr. Michael Møller, Acting Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva; Introductory remarks by Ms. Victoria Tuck, Director-General, International School of Geneva; Keynote address by the Guest of Honour, High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein

The “Education for Peace” conference commended the power of education to promote and protect peace. The conference, co-hosted by the United Nations in Geneva with the International School, celebrated the 70th anniversary of the United Nations, Geneva and the 90th anniversary of the International School of Geneva, the first and oldest international school in the world. Approximately, 700 attendees composed of students, teachers, staff and family of the International School, members of the wider academic community in Geneva as well as United Nations staff members, delegates and representatives of the media, NGOs and international community gathered for the conference.



As does, FAWCO, so does the United Nations organization believe that education is vital in achieving peace, poverty eradication, sustainable development and intercultural dialogue. Each are committed to the realization of every girl and boy's right to education.

In addition to remarks, 1st year students sang a song of peace (pictured above).

Keynote remarks by Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights followed the childrens' song.

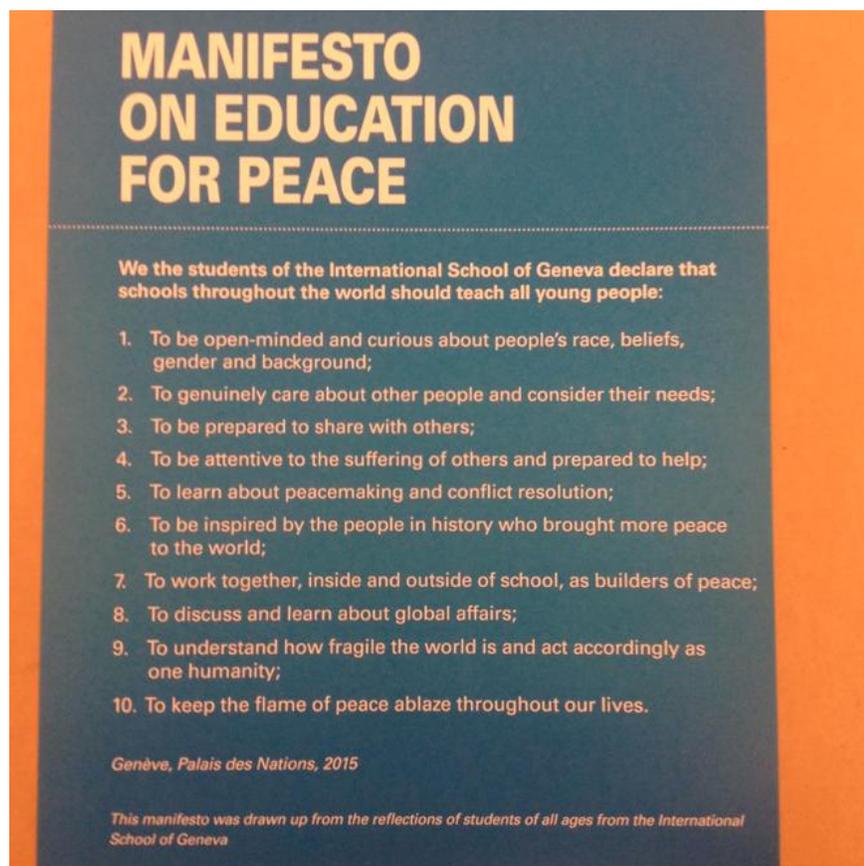
“Of course we need schools to nurture curiosity and intelligence. Knowledge of complex geometry, or molecular cell biology, or Cartesian



philosophy – or thousands of other facets of the great kaleidoscope of human brilliance – can be a precious thing...we need people who are kind. People with PhD-level compassion. People who feel joy, and generosity, and love, and who have fully integrated the values that are essential to life in freedom and dignity. We need people with a strong moral compass,” said the High Commissioner. Keynote Speech
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=15482&LangID=E>

A part of the celebrations for the school was the unveiling of a “Manifesto on Education for Peace” created based on ideas submitted by students.

In this document the students describe exactly what people need to achieve peace. Knowing we too often talk about peace in abstract terms, here the students explain what peace looks like in terms of real action that young people can take.



The Education for Peace conference moved the audience and renewed our commitment to education and peace.

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