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GLOBAL MORAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR SUSTAINABLE WORLD PEACE

SUMMARY

This item has been included in the provisional agenda of the 180th session of the Executive Board at the request of Bangladesh.

An explanatory note is attached herewith.

Action expected of the Executive Board: proposed decision in paragraph 11.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A PROPOSAL TO UNESCO FOR GLOBAL MORAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR SUSTAINABLE WORLD PEACE

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The concept of morality lies in thinking good, being good and doing good; this “good” means good for all, that is, good for self and others as well.
2. “What one should do” and “what one should not do” distinctly clarify the line of demarcation between morality and immorality; morality stands for doing “what one should do” and on the other hand immorality stands for doing “what one should not do”.
3. There is no denying the fact that morality is the best virtue of mankind at any individual, social and universal level. Because morality is the main source through which a man can develop in himself the heavenly qualities like love, affection, trust, human feelings, respect and appreciation for others in the society. Morality is one of the best factors in human civilization in the real sense. It is moral values and institutions which ensure the establishment of social peace, order and justice. Nothing of human beings is meaningful without morality which is fundamental to develop righteousness, responsibility and humanity in the mankind for differentiating a man from an animal. It is universally true that without attaching the essence of morality fruitful, honest and everlasting democratic, socio-economic, administrative and judicial institutions in any society can never be dreamt of.

II. NEED FOR THE PROGRAMME

4. At present moral crises at crossroads is a widely talked about issue all over the world. Modern society is beset with multifarious human problems. Immorality is really one of these most devastating issues. In this context the Founder President of the FMDA diagnosed that immorality is the number one enemy/problem of the mankind today as it (immorality) is directly responsible for almost all the severe crimes generating the fatal human problems like terrorism (including war/ethnic conflicts), corruption, bribery, injustice, poverty, human rights violation, environment pollution, oppression and repression of women and children, rape, HIV/AIDS, killings, drug abuse, smoking, etc.; now there is no denying that all these human crises today are the deserving consequences of several moral degradation all over the globe; and to curb and combat all these social problems a global moral development programme has become quite imperative.
5. Thus keeping this view in mind, the Foundation for Moral Development Approach (FMDA) is established to launch a global moral development mission as a package-deal approach to fight all the above-mentioned social ills and vices together in the world today.
6. The main theme of all the religions is to create “goodness” in the human beings through morality. Thus in the matter of morality there is no controversy and conflicts among all the major religions. Hence, morality is certainly the common factor among all the religions. So, in this context, to promote the causes for ensuring real peace, order and justice for mankind through global moral development programme time has come for particularly the Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Jews, Buddhists, etc. through the world to work together with communal harmony from the common platform basing on the common factor of morality. The atheists also have no disagreement about the matter of morality.

III. OBJECTIVES OF THE FMDA MISSIONS

7. (a) to create moral awareness and moral conscience among the world people;
- (b) to appeal to UNESCO to launch a global moral development programme as a package-deal mission to curb and combat today's several human problems mentioned in the above paragraphs;
- (c) to emphasize moral development from family (grass roots) to global level;
- (d) to convert the global moral development issues into a universal social movement.

IV. STRATEGY OF FMDA ACTIVITIES

8. (a) to appeal to UNESCO to arrange seminars/symposia/conference in different venues of the world and to focus the news, views and activities of these seminars through media (print/electronic);
- (b) to publish brochure, posters, articles and letters in newspapers and magazines;
- (c) to include courses on moral issues in the syllabi at school levels.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSALS OF THE FMDA TO UNESCO

9. In the light of the above discussion and to save the human race from ruin and dark/uncertain future due to human immoral behaviour the Founder-President of the Foundation for Moral Development Approach (FMDA), Bangladesh, is proposing the following proposals to UNESCO for its valued consideration and implementation:

- (a) UNESCO can establish a cell/agency to implement this global moral development programme;
- (b) UNESCO should observe a particular day and/or a year as a MORAL DAY/YEAR throughout the world to develop moral awareness among the world people;
- (c) UNESCO should encourage the ministries of education of different countries of the world to include and implement the courses on moral education and teaching in their education system particularly at lower levels;
- (d) mass media like television, radio, newspapers, magazines, etc., can play a vital role in the matter of moral development and creating moral awareness among the world people, UNESCO can take care of this matter;
- (e) UNESCO can introduce some provisions for annual awards/prizes for recognized persons/societies/nations with very high moralities; it may work as an incentive in this regard;
- (f) UNESCO can open a website on this global moral development programme;
- (g) UNESCO can arrange seminars/symposia on global moral development programme at different venues from time to time;

To implement this universally benevolent programme UNESCO may please seek cooperation of the United Nations wherever it is related/concerned and necessary.

VI. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL/PROGRAMME:

10. (a) UNESCO can establish a cell/agency (if funds permit) to implement this global moral development programme or (b) this proposal/programme can be implemented by any of the existing concerned UNESCO Division i.e. social science, humanity/philosophy, etc., section of UNESCO in collaboration with the governments of Member States of UNESCO.

Action expected of the Executive Board

11. In the light of the above, the Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Executive Board decides to authorize the Director-General to implement the Global Moral Development Programme for Sustainable World Peace by executing the steps mentioned under above sections V and VI of the explanatory note proposed by Professor Dr. Abu Obaidul Huque, Founder-President of the Foundation for Moral Development Approach (FMDA), Bangladesh as recommended by the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh.