JCI DECLARATION ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNITED NATIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

"Junior Chamber Vision for the Future of the United Nations"

WHEREAS, Junior Chamber International (JCI), Inc., is an organization of 400,000 young people worldwide whose mission is "to contribute to the advancement of the global community by providing the opportunity for young people to develop the leadership skills, social responsibility, entrepreneurship and fellowship necessary to create positive change," and

WHEREAS, the founder of Junior Chamber International stated in his vision: *"From within the walls of the soul of this organization wherein the foundation of character and good citizenship are laid, I hope a message will come in the sometime of tomorrow that will stir the people towards the establishment of a permanent and everlasting world peace,"* and

WHEREAS, Junior Chamber International, a major international non-governmental organization (NGO) has a consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), UNICEF and UNESCO,

Realizing that the United Nations (UN) has requested greater contributions and support from NGOs, and further realizing that JCI as well as other NGOs have an important role to play in UN peace and development initiatives,

Recognizing the need to increase public awareness and recognition of Junior Chamber International,

Taking into consideration that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and considering the current need to better understand the values, needs, opinions, aspirations, communications and means of expression of today's young people,

Deeply concerned that some nations have not signed, ratified and/or implemented the Convention on The Rights of the Child,

Fully aware that individual diversity is a necessary strength, and that education, personal development and freedom of choice are primary conditions for the sustainable development of nations,

Convinced that the United Nations is a leading example of the democratic principles within the Member States,

Junior Chamber International,

Resolves to develop three primary areas—**Peace, Development and Collaboration with UNICEF and UNESCO**—and to implement the "JCI Vision for the Future of the United Nations";

In the area of **Peace**, Junior Chamber International resolves:

to develop in local communities educational projects that focus on the United Nations, its purpose, structure, successes, and current peacekeeping missions;

to appoint a person or committee within each National Organization for the publication of information on the United Nations;

to identify existing bureaucratic procedures within the United Nations that currently prevent positive actions;

to strengthen our participation and lobbying efforts, individually and collectively and to promote a positive image of the United Nations around the world;

to participate in fact-finding missions leading to project ideas for implementation by JCI member organizations to contribute to world peace,

to develop programs that promote peace, tolerance, cultural exchanges and common values;

to create and promote forums where NGOs can exchange information and experiences that will help to identify potential conflicts, thereby acting as a channel of information to help prevent conflicts;

to develop programs in support of UNESCO's "Culture for Peace" program that focus on training population groups that have been involved in a conflict or war;

to participate more actively in various UN meetings and events, and to put forward specific recommendations to the United Nations, including the establishment of thresholds for UN intervention and better definition of its mission upon intervention;

to participate and/or make recommendations in the matter of humanitarian relief efforts;

to encourage the Member States of the United Nations to openly expose all violations on human rights, and require violators to answer to the global community under the jurisdiction of a revised International Court of Justice.

In the area of **Development**, Junior Chamber resolves:

to increase young people's awareness of the importance of the United Nations for global development, thus extending the knowledge of the JCI Mission and its contribution to global development;

to launch a campaign among NGOs promoting worldwide preparation of joint development projects at national and local levels to promote continuation of the democratic process in all nations;

to aggressively work to eliminate international criminal enterprise in order to further guarantee a secure foundation for democracy, social stability and everlasting world peace;

to encourage governments to provide quality health services to all peoples in all nations;
to promote mandatory education throughout the world for all children under the age of 16;

to encourage Member States of the United Nations to further develop and maintain international economic agreements of mutual respect and understanding in order to create a more stable global marketplace.

In the area of **Collaboration with UNICEF and UNESCO**, JCI resolves:

to establish an on-going dialogue with the world's youth, and to support and implement the JCI-UNESCO project, *"Rounding the Cape"*;

to encourage our respective governments to take the necessary actions to sign, ratify and/or respect the Convention on The Rights of the Child, and to designate November 20th as the annual celebration of the Universal Day for The Rights of the Child;

to encourage annual joint meetings among the representatives of JCI, UNICEF and UNESCO at the international, national and local levels;

to fully participate in NGO meetings and conferences, and to put forth specific position papers, oral statements and recommendations to the UN and its agencies on matters of interest and concern to Junior Chamber International.

We, the young leaders of the world, gathered at the *JCI Conference for the United Nations' 50th Anniversary* in New York on this 23rd of August 1995, resolve to turn our words into action, and to further participate in the United Nations' peace and development process by becoming the active voice that promotes, supports and protects the rights of all people, thereby helping to establish a world of everlasting peace and prosperity.

APPENDIX:

In the Area of **Reform of the United Nations** on the occasion of the UN's 50th Anniversary:

WHEREAS, the circumstances existing at the time of the formation of the Security Council of theUnited Nations have greatly changed, and

WHEREAS, the composition, powers and role of the Security Council have not been reviewed or changed in nearly three (3) decades, and

WHEREAS, the five (5) permanent members of the United Nations Security Council provide 86 percent of worldwide munition supplies,

Junior Chamber International,

Recommends that the United Nations, after careful and in-depth review, abolish the Security Council as it now exists and form a new and modern Security Council to meet the current needs of the global community in the interest of democracy and the furtherance of the foundation for everlasting world peace.

Adopted in New York, N.Y., U.S.A. on August 22, 1995

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1. More than 300 delegates attended the briefing at the United Nations Conference Room 3.
2. JCI President David Oji, JCI Secretary General Benny Ellerbe, and Committee Chairmen EVP Lung, '94 EVP Clear and VP Bouverat
3. Conference participants attending the Welcome Reception at the UN Plaza Hotel
4. JCI Delegates in UN Conference Room 4
5. Group photo at the Farewell Banquet
6. West Indies JC President Mitchell Hill with Antigua Ambassador to the UN
7. Peter Hansen, UN Under-Secretary General
8. Roger Bambuck, Special Advisor to the Director General of UNESCO
9. Joseph Reed, UN Under-Secretary General
10. Japan Ambassador to the UN Hisashi Owada (center) with Japan JC President Jun Yamamoto (right) and Japan JC EVP Tommy Tomizawa
11. Stephen Lewis, UNICEF Ambassador
12. Olara Otunnu, President, International Peace Academy
13. Colin Keating, New Zealand Ambassador to the United Nations