

Contribution to the End of Decade Report on the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non- Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)

Portugal

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Portuguese Summary Report

The Portuguese National Commission of UNESCO has developed several and different activities in the initial phase of the International Decade for the Promotion of a Culture of Non-violence and Peace (2001-2010).

The first initiative consisted in the translation and diffusion of the *Manifesto 2000 for Peace Culture*, which was issued within a solemn ceremony in the Presidency of the Republic. His first subscriber was the then President of the Portuguese Republic, Mr. Jorge Sampaio.

The Portuguese National Commission also organized the itinerant exhibition "For a Culture of Peace and Non-violence", together with the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. A catalogue under the same title was published.

Within the Arrábida Courses, promoted by the *National Commission for the Celebration of the Portuguese Discoveries* and by the *Oriente Foundation*, the Portuguese National Commission organized the seminary "For a Peace Culture", from the 14th to the 18th August 2000.

The Portuguese National Commission coordinated, between the 3rd and the 5th September of 2001, the Course "Collective Action and Peace Building". In the framework of this Course, the Commission granted ten fellowships to international affairs pupils in Portuguese universities.

Besides these projects and during all the period of the Decade, the Portuguese National Commission has continuously carried out several projects with the *Portuguese schools associated to UNESCO*, under the themes "Citizenship" and "Human Rights".