

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)

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**Programme of action on a culture of peace during the international Decade for a
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Thank you for your letter CL/3921, requesting contributions to the summary report on the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World.

While we appreciate the global importance of the action areas listed in the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, we have not found it beneficial to include a detailed list of all Norwegian projects in the past decade that may have been of relevance to these areas.

On a national level, all eight areas were substantially covered before the introduction of the International Decade through our legal framework and curricula on education, welfare, health, culture and other relevant sections. Subsequently, the requested report requires detailed research into all societal sections in question and therefore far exceeds the scope of the Ministry of Education and Research.

Due to the extensive coverage of these issues in our legislation from well before 2001, we also found that the decade itself triggered few major initiatives in our country that can be said to have had new wide ranging effects.

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However, we do of course acknowledge the important practical and symbolic value of the decade for millions of children worldwide, as well as the crucial need for action on the areas it addressed in many parts of the world.

Yours sincerely,



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