



**PERMANENT DELEGATION OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO UNESCO  
"YEAR FOR THE AGROFORESTRY DEVELOPMENT"**

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**Mister President of the General Conference,  
Mister Chairman of the Executive Board,  
Madam Director General,  
Excellency's, Esteemed colleagues:**

For war (UNESCO)

Because everything that has been said before us, and after also, will have the importance of the analysis on the word, I wanted to put this statement on music so that, using the resource of the chorus, the message of this statement-song will be repeated until the room transforms itself into an eco of hope.

Also I do it to remember that this place is also a refuge of the artistic talent of hundreds of men and women who, believing in the institution, have donated their works, works that adorn our corridors and through which we pass in a hurry and without time to stop, even if only to be thankful.

I am grateful to Martha Gómez, Colombian singer-songwriter because to her belongs the chorus and the motivation. In the same way, I thank distinguished Spanish-speaking songwriters who, making themselves abettors of this idea have made an appearance in some of the verses.

I invite GRULAC members, not only because of the language, but also, above all, because we show and demonstrate that we are not developing countries, but we proudly carry the nickname of "New World", and as new, today our countries raise a white flag as a sign of being a peace zone. But not only to them is this



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invitation, but also to all of you, present in the room, who understand that words travel faster on music and that what we feel and what we are engaged and summons us, will be more digestible by the ones absent.

Let's sing... you just have to say: NOTHING!

For children, more schools.

As weapons, the brush.

Against tears, laughter.

To threaten, ...hugs.

As war, Education.

More love for the earth.

More value for forgiveness.

**For the war, NOTHING!**

For walls, many doors.

More silence when listening.

More soldiers in Science.

More courage to love.

As a teacher, there is the planet.

For today, we seek peace.

For young people, spaces.

Let the shelter be a home.

**For war, NOTHING!**



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For promises, more actions.

To teach, more will.

For the now, more future.

For tomorrow, seriousness.

Less wounds to the earth.

For a leader, kindness.

Let war be a memory.

To women, more equality.

**For war, NOTHING!**

For terror, raise your voice.

For evil, forgiveness always.

To the bombs, green flowers.

For the pain goes this song.

For Science, resources.

and moments to shine.

To the illiterate, letters.

Between us, just peace.

**For war, NOTHING!**

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