

# Reconstructing Peace

## Social Forum – Finland

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## 12.7.2017: Declassified U.S., Soviet, German, British and French documents posted by the National Security Archive at George Washington University - NATO expansion

- Show a **cascade of assurances** about Soviet security given by Western leaders to Gorbachev and other Soviet officials throughout the process of German unification in 1990 and on into 1991
- **US:** James Baker - George H.W. Bush – Robert Gates (CIA)
- **Germany:** Hans-Dietrich Genscher - Helmut Kohl
- **France:** Francois Mitterrand
- **UK:** Margaret Thatcher - Douglas Hurd – John Major
- **NATO:** Manfred Wörner

# “Who Promised What to Whom on NATO Expansion?”



# U.S. Secretary of State James Baker's famous meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on February 9, 1990



**1949: 12 founding members**

**Since then: 19 more countries have joined NATO**

through nine rounds of enlargement (in 1952, 1955, 1982, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2017, 2020 and 2023)





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Back in 2007, many people criticized me for my talk at the Munich Security Conference. But what did I say there? I merely pointed out that the former NATO Secretary General Manfred Wörner had guaranteed that NATO would not expand eastwards after the fall of the Wall.

— *Vladimir Putin* —

**AZ QUOTES**



# Putin Munich Security Conference 10.2.2007

- criticized the United States **“monopolistic dominance in global relations”**, and its **“almost uncontained hyper use of force** in international relations“
- emphasized how **Russia perceived eastward expansion as a threat**
- Stated that it is obvious that **NATO expansion does not have any relation with the modernisation of the Alliance itself** or with ensuring security in Europe. On the contrary, it represents a serious provocation that reduces the level of mutual trust.
- We have the right to ask: **against whom is this expansion intended?**

# May 2023

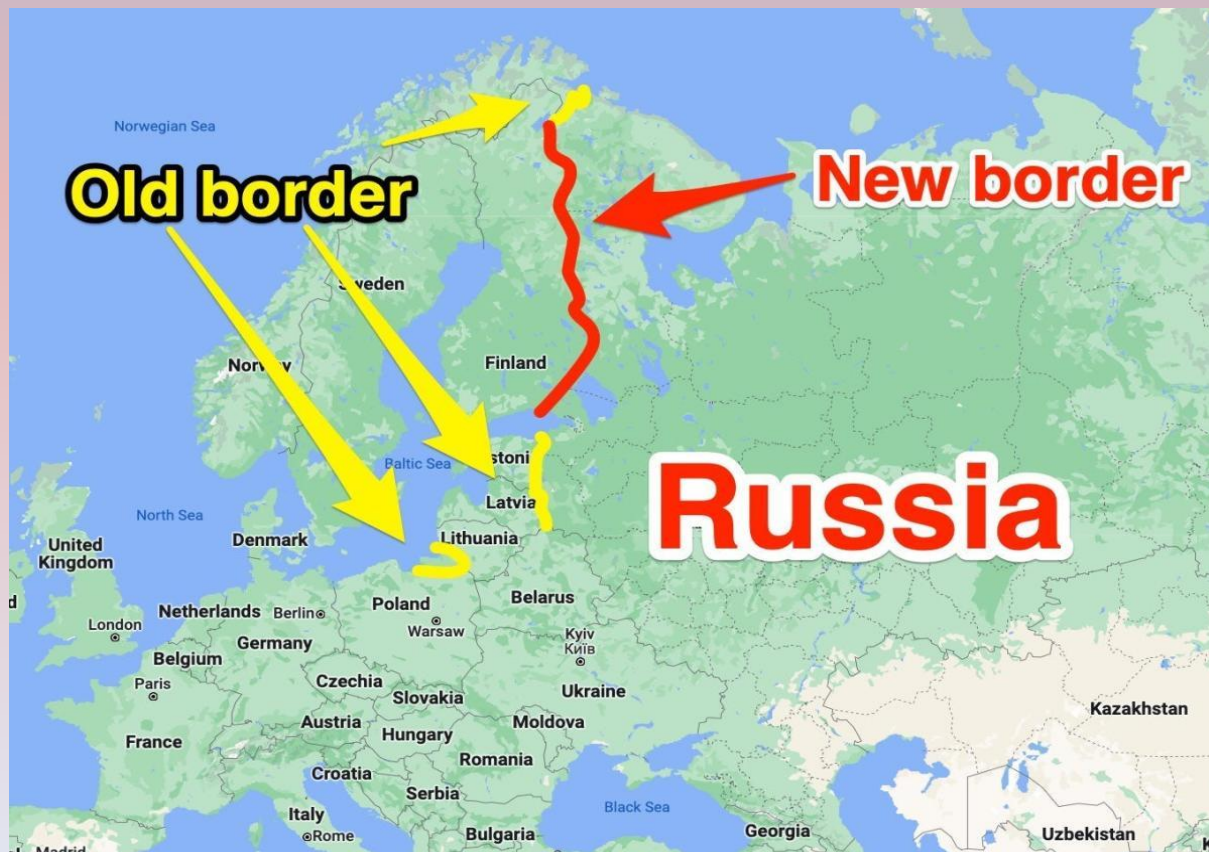
## Pope Francis

- **NATO may have caused Russia's invasion of Ukraine**
- **Transatlantic military alliance was 'barking' at Russia's door.**



- BBC News 4.4.2023 - Finland: **'NATO's border to Russia doubles**  
1.300 km – 830 mile

- Newsweek – 4.10.2022 - headline:  
As NATO member, Finland could have nuclear weapons **600 Miles**  
**(965 km) frpm Kremlin**



**UKRAINA WAR =**  
**THE RESULT OF ALL BROKEN PROMISES**  
**Gorbachev's dream (Prag 1987) - "Our common**  
**European Home"**



**The Guardian – July 1989**

# Other broken promises

- **March 2021: Sauli Niinistö – new OSCE Summit**  
– Helsinki 2025 – OSCE 50 years anniversary
- **Indication of strong commitment for dialogue**
- **Support letter** from some **140 NGOs** in the Baltic Sea region
- **November 2021 – Finland was appointed chair of OSCE 2025**
- **February 2022 Ukraine invasion + NATO fever**
- **April 2022 new support letter incl. big international NGOs** – Pekka Haavisto audience – no clear answers about a Summit

# RECONSTRUCTING PEACE

- emphasize **NATO's history** and **role as a warmonger, war participant, global nuclear weapons alliance**
- support all initiatives for **peace in Ukraine and elsewhere** – 55 conflicts going on in the world
- require **new disarmament negotiations** and diplomacy at all levels
- require a **nuclear-weapon-free zone in Europe and elsewhere** (TPNW)

- **OSCE Summit including Russia**

**For a new security architecture for Europe;  
dialogue, peace, global social justice**

Organisations active in the US, Germany,  
Austria

**Different angels – different coalitions**

**Summit organiser – Austria, Ireland, the  
Vatican?**



## **New networks needed – strengthen old ones**

- **IPB – Codepink – World Beyond War – ICAN - IPPNW**
- **Yes to Peace No to Nato network**
- **Nordic Peace Alliance**
- **Connecting to Asian networks – 2023 World Conference against A&H Bombs**
- **Webinars/seminars on different themes – different organisations – different regions**
- **Demonstrations – Petitions**
- **Women for Peace United Against NATO**



- **National Australian Anti-AUKUS Coalition - a United Front Against AUKUS Military Pact and Nuclear Submarines - broad Movement For Peace and a Nuclear Free Australia**



- *Independent and Peaceful Australia Network, Australian Anti-Bases Campaign Coalition, Friends of the Earth; Pax Christi Victoria; Melbourne Unitarian Peace Memorial Church; Medical Association for Prevention of War; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Australia; The Quaker Peace and Legislation Committee; Spirit of Eureka; Just Peace; Marrickville Peace Group; IPAN-Victoria; Philippines Caucus for Peace; Sydney Criminal Lawyers; Lawyers for Peace; Sydney Criminal Lawyers; Campaign for International Co-operation and Disarmament*

- **April 18/2023 - Anti-Aukus feeling growing in New Zealand**



- **Reuters May 6, 2023:**  
**Thousands rally in Australia against potential submarine base**



- **July 29, 2023 – Brisbane conference “Calling for a Peaceful Pacific”**
- prominent leaders from across the Asia Pacific in solidarity and activism against the escalating militarization of the region.
- **+ Webinars**
- **From July 31-August 4, Monaeka Flores and Shinako Oyakama speaking in forums and meetings with community and political representatives : Sydney, Canberra and Darwin.**

- **Green Left - July 31 2023 -** Peace activists from around Australia joined guests from the Pacific to **protest against the Talisman Sabre war training** on July 30 outside the Enoggera Army Base.



- **30,000 U.S. and Australian military forces + representatives from 11 other countries** taking part in war drills in many parts of Australia during July and August



**June 10-11/2023**

**Over 300 participants/32 countries**

**Inviting Organizations:**

- International Peace Bureau
- CODEPINK
- Assembly of the World Social Forum
- Transform Europe
- IPPNW (D,AT,CH)
- Europe4Peace
- WILPF International
- International Fellowship of Reconciliation
- + 7 local organisations



# Global Women for Peace United Against NATO

## Brussels 6.-10.7.2023

**Common Declaration - First signatories some 250 women from 40 countries - broad variety of organisations**

- No to global NATO
- No to increasingly militarised blocs
- No to war as a way of settling international disputes
- No to the militarization of scientific research
- No to the involvement of women in patriarchy's war plans
- No to any 'gender approach' in NATO



- **Meeting in the European Parliament with**  
**Clare Daly MEP** (Ireland/independent/Left-green group)  
**Özlem Demirel MEP** (Germany/left)
- **Audience at NATO headquarters** – handing over  
Declaration Against NATO to Nicola di Santis  
(Head of the Engagements Section in the Public Diplomacy Division of  
the NATO Headquarters in Brussels)
- **Event:** In Brussels 60 pers - Online 250 pers  
Webinars Nato in:
  - Europe
  - US/Canada
  - Africa
  - Asia Pacific
  - Latin America
- **Demonstration** – part of International Peace Wave

**Live peace actions in streets and squares;**  
rallies, concerts, artwork creation, blood drives, the  
installation of peace poles, dances, speeches, and  
various public demonstrations.

**Moving around the globe with the sun.**

[www.24hourpeacewave.org](http://www.24hourpeacewave.org)

**24 Hour  
Peace Wave**

**No to militarization, Yes to cooperation**

**Save the date**  
**July**  
**08 - 09 de 2023**

 **IPB**  
International  
Peace Bureau

 **WORLD BEYOND WAR.org**  
a global movement to end all wars



# Joe Biden's visit in Helsinki 13.7.2023

“US out of Europe – NATO out of the planet – No to nuclear weapons – Biden go home”





**Helsingør/Denmark July 14-15**  
**30 organisations from Denmark,**  
**Norway, Sweden, Finland –**  
**Nordic Peace Alliance**



**28.-30.7.2023 - Peace Symposium**

**Jondal/Norway - Hardangerakademiet, Nordic center for peace, development and environment  
founded by Johan Galtung** (born 1930)

Principal founder of peace and conflict studies

Some 60  
participants.

Speakers from:

- Norway
- Sweden
- Denmark
- Finland



- **Mayors for Peace**  
founded 1982, led by the  
Mayors of Hiroshima and  
Nagasaki, working for a  
world without nuclear  
weapon
- **As of August 1, 2023,  
Mayors for Peace  
includes 8,271 cities in  
166 countries and  
regions, representing in  
total over one billion  
people.**
- **US 225 members.**

- **Europe 3,325 cities  
in 41 countries/regions;**
- **Finland 3**
- **Austria about 125**
- **Norway about 115**
- **Next goal is 10,000  
member cities** as quickly  
as possible.





# 2023 World Conference against A and H Bombs

Main Theme:

With the Hibakusha, Let Us Achieve  
a Nuclear Weapon-free, Peaceful and Just World  
– for the Future of the Humankind and Our Planet

## Speakers from:

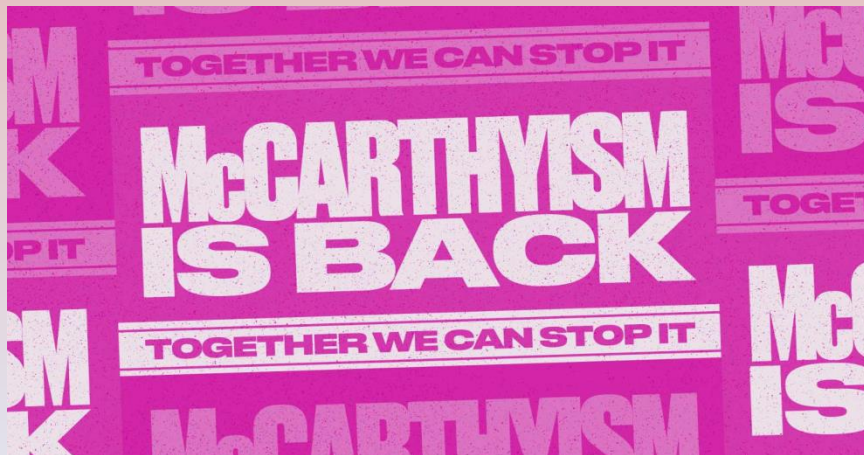
UN, Austria, Mexico, Japan, Philippines, South  
Korea, Vietnam, Nepal, USA, Russia, UK, Germany,  
France, Ukraine, Marshall Islands, Finland







- **McCarthyism** - targeting peace activists, critics of U.S. foreign policy, and Chinese Americans - **Is Back: Together We Can Stop It**
- CODEPINK calling on organizations and individuals to **sign a declaration of support**



- **August 18/2023 - The International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms (IALANA)**
- a statement *“The Illegality of U.S. Cluster Munitions Delivery to Ukraine under International Law – and the Positive Obligation of the U.S. to Avoid or Minimize the Humanitarian Suffering Caused by These Weapons.”*



- **Protest and actions Pacific Pollution:** Japan has started **releasing radioactive wastewater into the Pacific, from the Fukushima nuclear power reactors** meltdown.
- The release is opposed by fisherfolk, scientists, civil society group, individuals
- **Sign petition**



- **May 2023 – Tokyo**



- **June 2023 - South Korean fishermen**



- Organizations supporting the **March to End Fossil Fuels, New York City, September 17, 2023**
- **United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ)** - a coalition - **1,300 international and U.S.-based organizations** opposed to the US government's policy of permanent warfare and empire-building

**JOIN THE MARCH TO  
END FOSSIL FUELS**  
SEPT 17TH - 1PM - NYC - 56TH & BROADWAY

- **Climate Ambition Summit**
- 20 September 2023, United Nations Headquarters, New York

**WAR IS NOT GREEN!**

It's a fact:  
We cannot fight  
**CLIMATE CHANGE**  
if we don't end  
**MILITARISM!**

**MARCH  
FOR  
PEACE  
AND THE  
PLANET**

**NYC March To End Fossil Fuels!  
Sunday, Sep. 17<sup>th</sup> 1 PM**

**Brooklyn Let's March Together!**

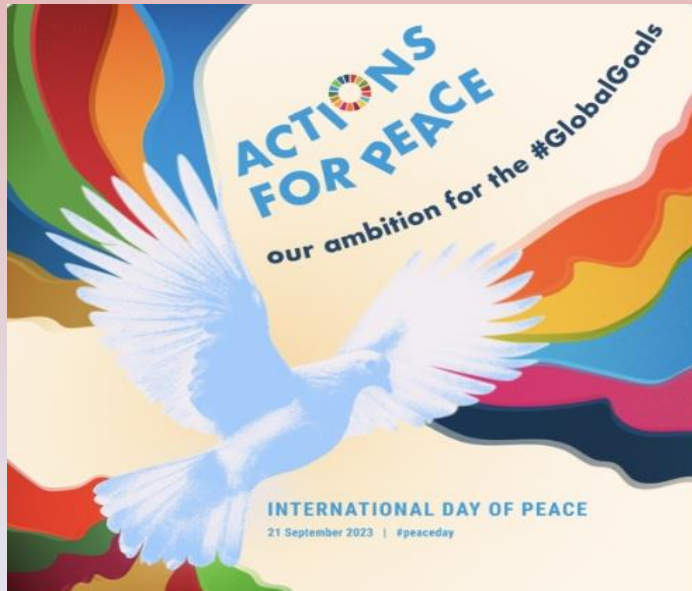
We'll meet up and join the big march as a Brooklyn Anti-War & Green Contingent!

Place: 56th St & Broadway

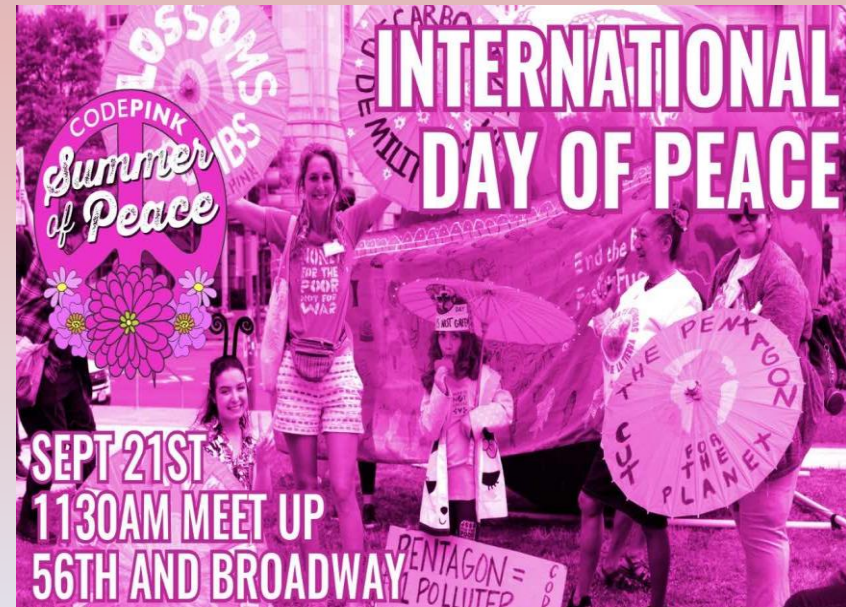
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**Brooklyn For Peace**  
brooklynpeace.org

- **United Nations International Day of Peace, September 21, 2023**
- **is celebrated as an important occasion in many places around the world**



- **Codepink September 21 – Day of Peace**
- **CODEPINK plans a “Splash of Peace” across NYC with events and a march**



- **September 26, 2023 the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN International Day for the total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**
- **Urge Your Elected Officials to push the TPNW**



- **Friedenskooperative – network of the German Peace Movement** (about 250 Organisations/groups all over Germany)
- **6 x/year FriedensForum Magazin – Action and Campaigns information**





- **We are coming too, to protest against Global NATO - it belongs to the dust bin of history**

- **The next summit of the NATO will be held in Washington in July 2024**
- **Biden has invited NATO**



- **No serious peace proposals for Ukraine have been made by leaders of Western countries.**
- **Global South, China, individual prominent persons (Elon Musk) and the Pope have been active.**
- **Youtube 31.8.23 - Europeans Can't Believe BRICS Summit Success**

**Heinz Gärtner**, prof. at the Department of Political Science/University of Vienna, **Pascal Lottaz**, ass. prof. for neutrality studies/ Kyoto University:

Discussion about the 2023 Brics Summit meeting stunning successes it brought about. Inclusion of Saudi Arabia and Iran—arch enemies—a success.

Europe mostly ignores the tectonic shifts in international relations. How long can they ignore this challenge? <https://youtu.be/SLW2a4bYhPg>

# **BRICS – the Johannesburg Declaration August 28.8.23**

**China, Brazil, Russia, India, South Africa  
+ new ones: Saudi Arabia, Iran, Ethiopia, Egypt,  
Argentina, United Arab Emirates**

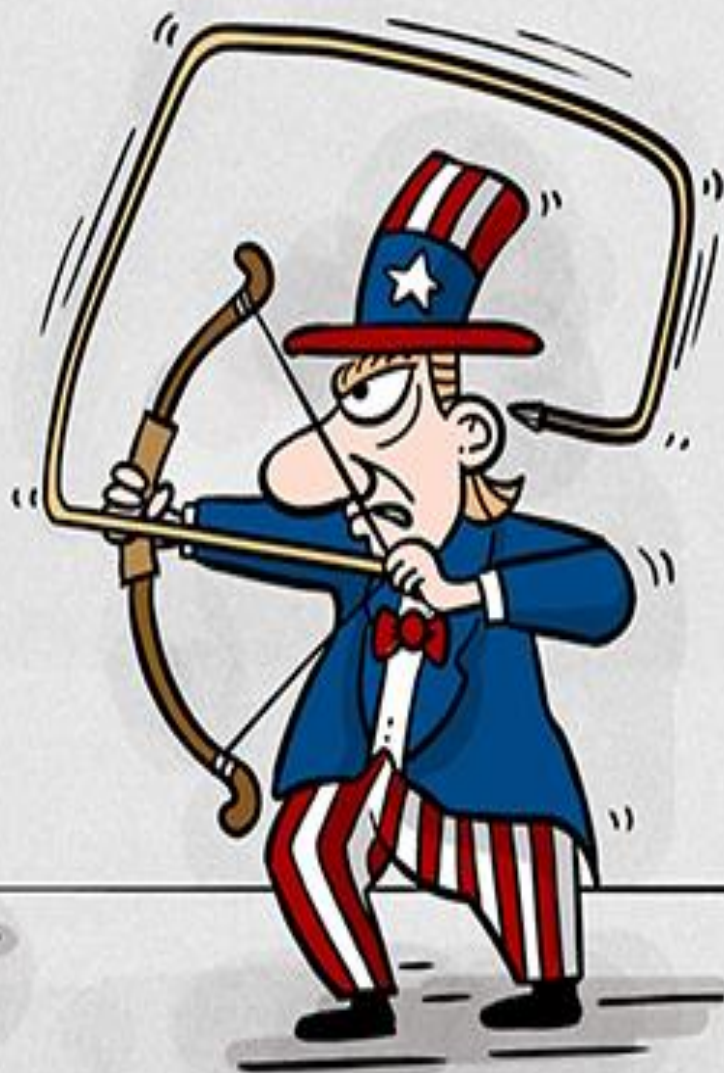
- **The BRICS countries represent**
  - **43% of the world's population**
  - **16% of the world trade**
  - **a larger share of the world's GDP than the G7**
  - **nineteen additional countries are reportedly interested in joining the alliance**

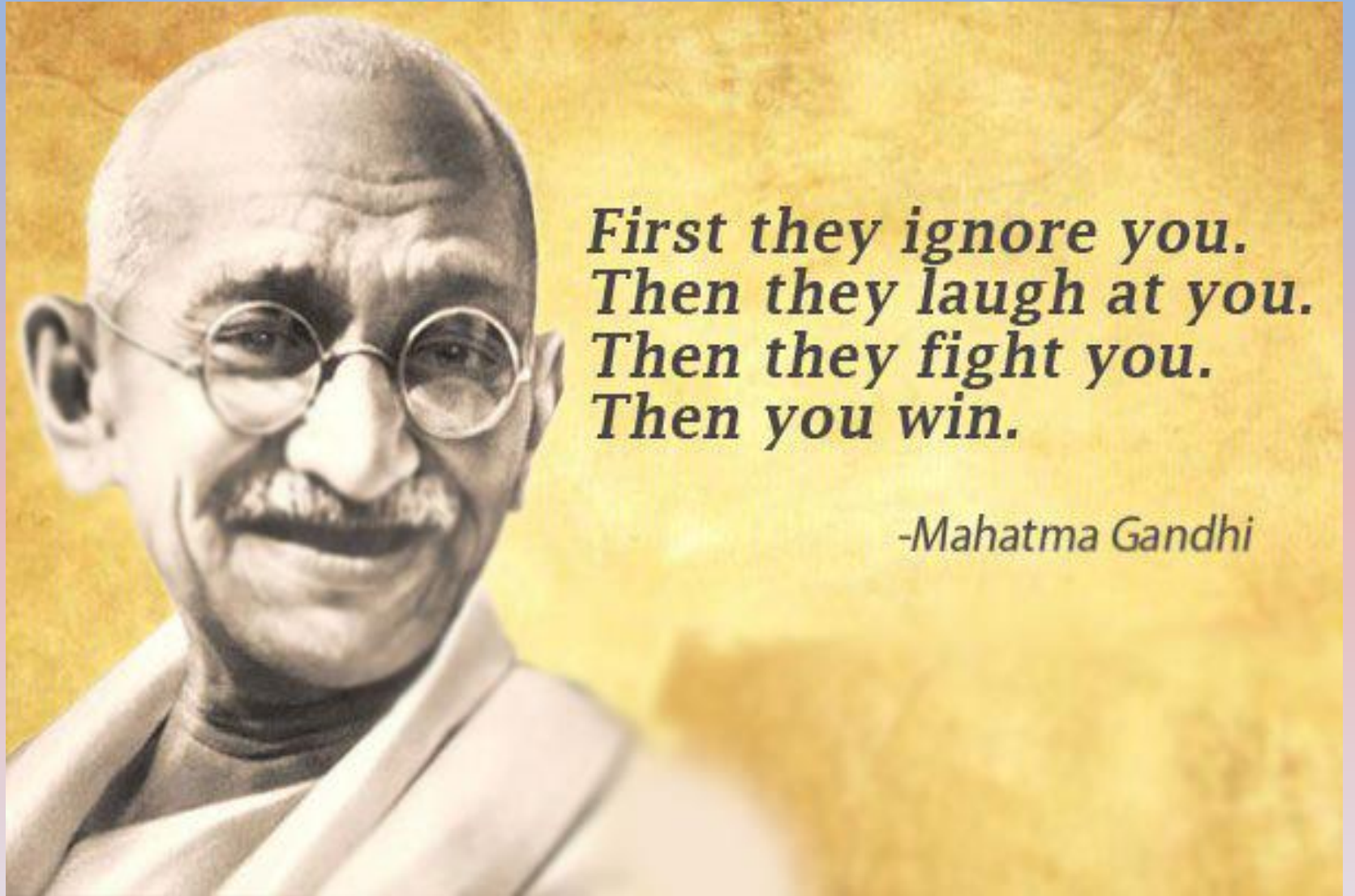




- **3. We reiterate our commitment to inclusive multilateralism and upholding international law, including the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations (UN) as its indispensable cornerstone, and the central role of the UN in an international system in which sovereign states cooperate to maintain peace and security, advance sustainable development, ensure the promotion and protection of democracy, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, and promoting cooperation based on the spirit of solidarity, mutual respect, justice and equality.**

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***First they ignore you.  
Then they laugh at you.  
Then they fight you.  
Then you win.***

*-Mahatma Gandhi*