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# Manifesto of Šventoji

**TEJO board**



We, the representatives of the global Esperantist youth using our statutory mandates, during a hybrid committee meeting in the city of Šventoji, continuing the spirit of previous resolutions, striving to sow peace and justice throughout the world by spreading a neutrally human language, approve the following Manifesto and invites other organizations and all people of good will to accompany it.

- Human rights are fulfilled in language. Respect for language rights of all individuals and communities is an essential condition for the construction of a human rights-respecting society.
- In our multilingual world, a neutral and effective common auxiliary language is needed to facilitate all kinds of spiritual and material relationships between people.
- Esperanto is the most suitable candidate for that role. Its ease, its regularity and its practical use in various fields during 137 years of global and lively movement give it an undeniable position.
- Learning Esperanto has a proven propaedeutic and cognitive-enhancing role. It facilitates and speeds up the acquisition of other languages and strengthens the language awareness of students, thus contributing to their general intellectual development and especially to their language learning ability.
- In today's increasingly shrinking world, intercultural communication and competence are becoming imperative. Esperanto provides a unique and effective means of working towards these goals, enabling deep mutual understanding across cultural barriers.
- One of the core milestones in the history of Esperanto, currently around the middle of its history, took place in 1954 in Montevideo, when, as part of the UNESCO General Conference, a resolution was adopted noting the results achieved through Esperanto in the field of international intellectual exchanges. and for the rapprochement of the peoples of the world, recognizing the compatibility of these results with the goals of UNESCO and encouraging further accompaniment of its development.
- The event in Montevideo on the one hand recognized the value and importance of Esperanto while on the other hand it gave both UNESCO and its member states and the Universal Esperanto Association the responsibility of constantly promoting their common goals.



- In this spirit, the Esperanto movement also supports the efforts of UNESCO, other United Nations agencies and other international organizations to peacefully solve the great world problems that humanity must face in this era. In this regard, our contribution should be to help enable dialogue between all countries and all cultures based on principles of justice, peace and equality.
- Faced with the contemporary wars in various parts of the world, we emphasize spreading the peace-loving qualities of Esperanto and its culture. The Esperantist community, based on principles of mutual understanding and respect, presents a model for peaceful coexistence and conflict resolution.
- The Goals for Sustainable Development require global cooperation for their realization. For effective international cooperation, an easy yet expressive language like Esperanto is needed, which all experts and managers of any organization, without losing too much of their valuable time, can use effectively, satisfactorily and without misunderstanding. Those communication needs are even more significant and evident today than seven decades ago.

In conclusion, a core goal of the Esperantist movement should be to strengthen its ties with UNESCO, its member states and other international bodies with the aim of improving and fairer communication in international relations.



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