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Forewords of Corinne LEPAGE

« Why a Universal Declaration of Humankind Rights? The idea was to create a text acceptable to the 195 states of the United Nations while making real progress. This declaration has now emerged and we look forward to its adoption. It is not a convention and will not be binding on the States that adopt it.

It is therefore a first step, as was the case thirty years ago with the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, which then gave rise to the Convention on the Rights of the Child twenty years later. Similarly, the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights is only a declaration, but it has permeated our law for half a century.

It is not a question of replacing the existing texts, but of building a complementary text setting out rights and duties that are no longer individual but collective. This declaration proposes in particular to create an interdependence between living species, to ensure their right to exist and the right of humanity to live in a healthy and ecologically sustainable environment.
The Universal Declaration of Humankind Rights could appear as a beautiful utopia: that of bringing together men and women but also entities of good will for their common future by accepting the definition of rights but above all of duties incumbent on present generations in relation to past generations and above all on future generations. It is becoming a reality. Cities, regions, supranational organizations have subscribed to the DHR like many bar associations, NGOs, and also companies and individuals. The Comoros movement at the state level is expanding and will only come to an end on the day when the United Nations organization has endorsed the declaration, thus allowing a text to be signed by states, public and private entities and individuals for the first time in history. »

Corinne LEPAGE, President of the Association of Friends of the Universal Declaration of Humankind Rights
Universal Declaration of Humankind Rights

4 principles

- Intra and intergenerational responsibility, fairness, and solidarity (Art. 1)
- Dignity of humankind (Art. 2)
- Continuity of mankind's existence (Art. 3)
- Non-discrimination due to belonging to a generation (Art. 4)
### 6 rights of humankind

1. Living in a healthy environment (Art. 5)
2. Responsible, fair, inclusive, sustainable development (Art. 6)
3. Protecting our common and world heritage (Art. 7)
4. Preservation of public goods (Art. 8)
5. Peace and human security (Art. 9)
6. Freedom to determine one’s own destiny (Art. 10)

### HUMAN SAFETY

- **Economic**
- **Public health**
- **Environmental**
- **Political**
- **Food**

### Ensuring long-term approaches

- Respecting rhythms inherent to humankind and to nature

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6 duties towards humankind

... of the present generation

- Ensuring the respect of humankind (Art. 11)
- Transmitting heritage with prudence, respect, and fairness (Art. 12)
- Saving air and climate and prevent as long as possible climate-driven migrations (Art. 13)
- Orienting scientific and technical progress towards the preservation and health of humankind and of other species (Art. 14)

... of nation, states and territories

- Integrating a long-term perspective and promoting sustainable humankind development (Art. 15)
- Ensuring that the principles, rights and responsibilities of the Declaration of Humankind Rights are effective (Art. 16)
A brief history

23 September 2015 - presentation of the Lepage report to the President of the French Republic;

25 September 2015 - quote from the United Nations Presidential Speech in the Tribune;

September 2015 - signature by the City of Strasbourg, first city to sign the declaration;
2 November 2015 - citizen mobilization for the DHR at the EESC (Paris) - 1,000 delegates and international, European and national representatives mobilized;

9 December 2015 - presentation of the DHR under CoP21 (blue zone) and presentation to all delegations present;

January 2016 - creation of the association of friends of the Universal Declaration of Humankind Rights;

March 2016 - more than 90 states informally expressed interest in the text;

September 2016 - signature of the DHR by the City of Paris;
2 November 2016 - presentation of the DHR to the EESC;

18 November 2016 - signature by the Union of the Comoros, first signatory State, on the margins of CoP22;

June 2017 - handover of the DHR to Ban Ki-moon, which supports the project, his support letter in appendix 1;
30 June 2017 - signature of the declaration by the French Bar Association and 19 European and African Bars;

19 October 2017 - opening of the DHR to companies;

25 October 2017 - adoption by the European Economic and Social Council of an opinion on climate justice with specific reference to the DHR (items 1.3 and 4.1.3);
Ambassadors of the Declaration

Ms. DONDI Daniela, Chairman of the Modena Bar in Italy
Ms. FISCHELSON Mary-Daphné, lawyer and former secretary general of the UIA
Mr. GAVRILOV Silvio, President of the Sofia Bar Association in Bulgaria
MAHIKA Koffi Mathieu, President of Green Cross Ivory Coast
Mr. MANGALET Grégoire, Chairman of the Geneva Bar and his representative Mr. COTTIER Philippe in Switzerland
Mr. MICHELOGIANNIS Dimitri, representative of the Chairman of the Chania Bar in Greece
Mr. MOHAMED Mahjoud, Chairman of the Sousse Bar in Tunisia
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Mr. SCULIER Pierre, Chairman of the Brussels Bar in Belgium
Mr. SILINI Abdelmajid, Chairman of the Algiers Bar in Algeria
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The Union of the Comoros, and its President Azali ASSOUUMAN
Declaration Support Committee

AGUILA Yann, lawyer, a member of the Conseil d’État
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Association des petites villes de France
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De SCHUTTER Olivier, Special Rapporteur for the Right to Food in the UN HumanRights Council,
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VALENTIN Joseph
Appendix 1 : Support letter from Ban Ki-moon

October 20, 2017

Chère Madame Lepage,

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for your invaluable time, service and work in preserving our environment, and also in further promoting, protecting, and elevating our most essential human rights issues.

There is no doubt that we, as a humanity, face an overarching question of global livelihood in times of drastic climate changes, and many unforeseen natural, political, economic, and societal phenomena.

Following the establishment of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1945, it is evident that there is a need for a renewed sense of establishing a framework that provides a comprehensive solution to the most pressing issues of our global livelihood.

In this aspect, I believe that the Declaration of Humankind Rights and Duties’ initiatives outline very appropriate responses to continue carrying on the objectives originally founded 72 years ago. The Declaration of Humankind Rights and Duties’ mission and plans will surely provide a common and comprehensive framework, in which it can be widely understood, accepted and applicable across nations, societies, businesses, communities, and peoples.

Hence, it is with my utmost enthusiasm that I would like to fully support the Declaration of Humankind Rights and Duties, as it is my hope that this will provide a framework for the international community to be involved in unison to provide a safer and a better future for all.

Sincerely Yours,

BAN Ki-moon

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Appendix 2: Application form to the association of the friends of the DHR

I, the undersigned:
Name: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Surname: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Corporate name (legal entity): …………………………………………………………………………………
Address: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Zip code: …………………………… City: ……………………………………………………………………………
Country: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
Mail: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Collected information is necessary for your membership and the good management of the association and its members. They are not sold to third parties. They are the object of a data processing not subject to the declaration under the exemption n° 8 of the resolution CNIL n° 2006-130 (J.O. of June 3, 2006). You have a right of access, rectification or opposition to your information. To exercise this right, please contact the association.

- **To join the association of the friends of the DHR:**
  - □ 5 euros for membership (active participation to the association)
  - □ 50 euros if legal entity (association, company, organization, ...)

- **To make a donation to the association GREEN CROSS France and Territories**, in order to support the actions of the association:
  - □ 20 euros
  - □ 50 euros
  - □ ..... euros

In France, tax reduction for donations made to associations or bodies of general interest (Articles 200 and 238 bis of the General Tax Code). The association will send you a tax receipt allowing you to deduct from your taxes 66% of the amount of your gift for individuals, up to a limit of 20% of your taxable income or 60% of the amount of your donation for legal entities in the limit of 0.05% of turnover excluding taxes.

- **To get involved in the association**, by taking part in monitoring activities.

*Done at ……………………………………………………………., the ..../....../………*

*Signature*
Personal notes

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• Acknowledge and sign the declaration
  http://droitshumanite.fr/DU/sign/

• Join the association of friends of the DHR by writing to us at 81 rue de Monceau, 75008 - Paris

http://droitshumanite.fr/DU/

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