"From Challenges to Opportunities to Solutions"

THE GENEVA COVENANT OF MUTUAL OBLIGATION

A Call to Action for a Generation

The Global Challenges Forum, a Swiss foundation holding Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council is honored to share with you the ten points of our *Geneva Covenant of Mutual Obligation*. It was launched at the United Nations Palais de Nations European Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland in honor of the UN International Day of Peace, 21 September 2025

PREAMBLE

In the face of repeated failure, deep wounds, and hardened divisions, we come together not as representatives of states but as members of a global community united by conscience. Grounded in the principles of Connected Sovereignty, Reciprocal Freedom, and the ethical imperative of Covenant — understood in the Abrahamic tradition as the sacred bond by which God commits Himself to humanity— to all peoples — this Ten-point Covenant affirms that peace cannot be built on competing ideologies of domination.

1. EQUAL DIGNITY IS THE STARTING POINT

Every human life has equal worth. Justice begins when suffering is acknowledged — not selectively, but universally. Dignity denied anywhere threatens dignity everywhere.

2. UNIVERSAL PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS

Lasting peace requires universal condemnation of all deliberate attacks on civilians. This includes dismantling armed extremist capabilities, ending incitement in education and media across all communities, and establishing verifiable guarantees of civilian safety — all of which are non-negotiable starting points for both sides.

3. RECIPROCAL FREEDOM

One people's dominance over another cannot sustain freedom. My security is bound to yours, and your liberty strengthens mine. This vision leads to Connected Sovereignty, where two distinct peoples live side by side in dignity, each with autonomy and a stake in shared peace.

4. RESPONSIBILITY IS A CIVIC DUTY

While history cannot be rewritten, the future can be reimagined. We accept responsibility for shaping the structures that future generations will inherit — through truth-telling, dialogue, education, and the moral courage to break cycles of inherited trauma.

5. THE SACRED BELONGS TO ALL

The land between the river and the sea is sacred to Jews, Muslims, Christians, and others. We reject the use of religion to justify violence, exclusion, or supremacy. We affirm freedom of conscience and commit to safeguarding all holy places and spiritual traditions.

6. A PATH FORWARD: SEPARATION, RECONCILIATION, COOPERATION

Peace is not an event — it is a process:

- *Separation with dignity*: End daily domination and allow for autonomous governance.
- *Reconciliation with truth:* Acknowledge historical realities and promote healing.
- *Cooperation with shared purpose:* Build cooperative institutions between two sovereign states, independently governed but functionally connected.

7. GLOBAL CIVIC COMPACT

We unite with all who uphold the commitment by Palestinians, Israelis, and global partners to mutual recognition, equal dignity, shared security, inclusive participation, and trust through healing—and we pledge to make these principles real in our time.

8. GEN**ERATIONAL COMMITMENT**

We pledge to honor the equal dignity of every life, to condemn and prevent all deliberate harm to civilians, to root out incitement, and to sow truth, empathy, and reconciliation. We will lift up the voices of the young, equipping them with the tools and trust to lead, and keep dialogue alive so that peace remains possible for generations to come.

9. TO GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

We call upon citizens, institutions, and nations to embrace these principles as a conscious act of ethical courage—choosing not the path of allegiance to one side, but the higher ground of shared humanity. This stand affirms that dignity, mutual presence, and mutual obligation are not abstract ideals but living commitments capable of bridging even the deepest divides. It is an invitation to see one another not as adversaries, but as partners in the stewardship of a future that belongs to all.

10. A GLOBAL COMPACT FOR RESILIENCE

To sign this Covenant is to declare faith in a future worth building—together. What begins here in the context of Israel and Palestine must extend to every place where humanity's shared future is at risk, making dignity, safety, and cooperation the common ground of our century. This Covenant is also a compact for global resilience, calling people and institutions across borders to confront shared challenges—climate change, pandemics, inequality, and displacement—while upholding sovereignty and interdependence as measures of our collective strength**.**

CALL TO ACTION

Stand with us—sign the Covenant, live its Ten Points, and join in building a future where dignity, safety, and shared purpose form the common ground of peace. This is more than a signature; it is an act of conscience that claims our shared humanity as the foundation for a new civic generation. In this constitutional moment—not of law, but of moral will—we choose to write the future together. *For more details see the Strategic Plan for Implementation*.

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