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# WORLD MARCH FOR PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

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For information on the preparations and how to participate see: [www.marchamundial.org](http://www.marchamundial.org)

Read the Declaration of World without Wars at: [www.mundosinguerras.es/docus/63](http://www.mundosinguerras.es/docus/63)

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Our goal has been that this material is translated rapidly. It should therefore be considered only a draft translation. Our interest is that materials circulate quickly and that they can be understood by "sympathetic" readers.

Who is supporting the World March? See inside for details of the latest individuals and organisations to endorse the march.



## Chile: Great unfolding of events for the launching of the World March in Santiago



## Strong support from Brazil for the World March

## USA: marches from five districts to the Mayor's office in New York

Each time more places join the passage of the World March and each time more launching activities and preparations are undertaken by the local, national and international promotion teams. At the same time the adhesions from personalities and organizations who want to contribute to this project for the construction of Peace are

multiplied giving their names in support or doing whatever they can.

At the beginning of 2009 more than 50 web pages are collecting all the activities and information from the more than 100 countries where promotion teams are constituted. This bulletin opens with images

from America (from South to North: Chile, Brasil and United States) and continues with news of activities, productions, adhesions, diffusion and initiatives from all over the world and tries to be an instant picture of a larger process that is consolidating in this moment and which will become unstoppable.

Our wish for 2009: That this march will be able to help the birth of a new non-violent consciousness in our world, an indispensable pre-requisite for the building of a more Human world, a world of Peace and Non-violence.

# Individuals Supporting the World March

Until 31st December the World March for Peace and Non-violence counts with the following individual supporters registered through it web pages.

**Individual Supporters 5016 from 91 countries**

In this month people have added themselves from the following countries: Australia, Bahamas, Equatorial Guinea, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, mali, Niger, Norway, Surinam, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago and Turkey.

### • Luisa Morgantini (Italy)



Vice President of the European Parliament, Co-founder of the "Women in Black" anti-war movement and the international network "Women for Peace in Conflict Zones." Member of the European Parliament (since 1999); Chairwoman of the Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council.

Israeli "Women in Black" Peace Prize (1996); Colomba d'Oro Prize for peace (2002). One of the 1000 women collectively nominated under the "1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005" project; winner of the Parliament Magazine's MEP Award for achievement in the field of development .

Electoral observer for the OSCE (1997-1998). Coordinator, Italy-Nicaragua Association (1979-1991). National spokesperson for the Association for Peace, a non-violent movement for peace and social justice (1994-1999); responsible for the 'Palestine' group (1994-1999).

Personal home page: <http://luisamorgantini.net/>

European Parliament web page:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/members/expert/committees/view.do?id=4453&language=EN>

### • Dennis Kucinich (USA)



Democratic Party Member of the US House of Representatives for the 10th District of Ohio since 1996. Presidential Candidate in 2004 and 2008.

A tireless advocate for worker rights, civil rights and human rights, Kucinich presides over the sub-committee for Domestic Policy in the House. Presidential Candidate in 2004 and 2008. Served as Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio at age

31, from 1977-1979, the youngest person ever to have been elected to lead a major American city. Read more on the official website

### • Lindis Percy (UK)



British peace campaigner, Quaker and founding member and joint coordinator of the Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases (CAAB).

As an activist, Percy uses nonviolent direct action and civil disobedience. She has been active protesting since 1979 when cruise missiles were to be deployed at Greenham Common. According to the BBC, Percy has been detained over 150 times. Read more in Wikipedia

### • Bedri Baykam (Turkey)



Bedri Baykam is one of the founders of the National Committee of the International Association of Turkish Artists (UNESCO-AIAP-IAA). He was an elected member of the Party Assembly of the Social Democrat "Republican People's Party". He was also a candidate for the Presidency of this Party

in October 2003, at the General Congress in Ankara. He is one of the most outspoken defenders of Kemalism, democracy and human rights.

<http://www.bedribaykam.com/>

### • Coskun Aral (Turkey)



*"He who doesn't know war, doesn't know peace."*

Photographer and film producer. His images of Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Northern Ireland, Chad and the far east have appeared in Time, Newsweek, Paris Match, Stern and Epoca among other magazines. Since 1896 he has worked as a war correspondent for the program "32nd Day" and has produced a TV documentary called "Reporter". His work has been displayed in the Time Life Gallery, New York (1983), Fnac in Paris (1983), and National Reassurance in Istanbul (1996) among others.

[http://tr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Co%C5%9Fkun\\_Aral](http://tr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Co%C5%9Fkun_Aral)

### • Rosa Mera Goyenechea



*"The World March for Peace and Nonviolence, a collective global project that rejects and denounces war and its horrors... that*

*violate the essence of what is human, confronts the interests of the industry of the tools of war, where everyone, especially women and children, are victims."*

Founder of the Paideia Foundation (1986). Headed the group TRÉBORE in 1999. Created the Center for Business Initiatives MANS and presides over the Local Development Group in Sar and Barbanza. Cofounder of Inditex (Zara, Massimo Dutti, Pul and Bear, Stradivarius...). Participates in the biotechnology company Zeltia, in ICN (systems of identification and custody for new born children in hospitals), in Denodo Technologies, in Inusual, and also in movie and TV production companies. In Viveros Borrzasas, S.L, and Cultigar S.L Pioneer in in-vitro culture in Galicia.

Prizes: Castillian Medal 2004 (Xunta), Gold Master's 2007 (Fórum de Alta Dirección Madrid), Gold Medal of Professional Merit 2006. Ministry of Work and Social Affairs, Woman Leader 2006. Awarded by the Aliter School of Business and the Madrid City Council.

Read more in Wikipedia

• **Sandra Ribas (Costa Rica)**

*"I am participating in the World March because I feel completely identified with an ideology that places the highest value on the human being, and on love, respect, and dignity, the indispensable prerequisites for living in freedom and for bringing about a harmonious and peaceful future."*

Has dedicated her career to the development of the human being and of peace, working for several national and international institutions and organizations promoting quality of life, peace and human rights. Currently vice president of the Friends' Peace Center and collaborator in the Nonviolent Peaceforce.

<http://princesadeluz.blogspot.com>

• **Ana Marta Moreno de Araujo (El Salvador)**

Professor at Dr. Andres Bello University. President of the El Salvadorian Association of Business Administration (2005-2007). 1998 Nahutec Prize winner of the Technological University of El Salvador. 2001 Business Administration Prize in 2001. El Salvadorian Association of Business Administration Professionals (ASPAE). Professional Women's Prize 2001. Business and Professional Women's Club of El Salvador.

• **Alfonso Cuarón (México)**



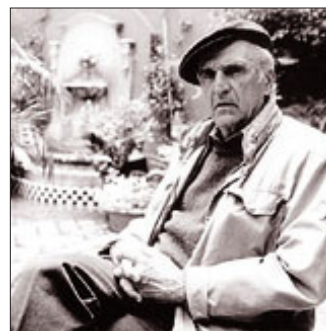
One of today's most important film makers. Has directed films such as Great Expectations, Y tu mamá también (And Your Mother Too), Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, and the Children of Men.

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0190859/>

• **Mauricio Rosencof (Uruguay)**

*"In peace you think, feel, dream, love, and have children - only in peace. Even tears, in peace, are scarcely a pause in the joy of life."*

Founder of the Union of Communist Youth and leader of the National Movement for Tupamaro Liberation. Dramatist, writer and poet, nationally and internationally renowned. Currently he is the Director of Culture for the Montevideo City Council.



[http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mauricio\\_Rosencof](http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mauricio_Rosencof)

• **Ángel Parra (Chile)**



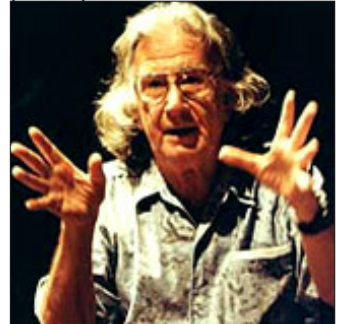
Extremely well known Chilean musician. Son of Violeta Parra, has played music since the age of 5. Founder of Peña de los Parra (the Parra Gang). Prolific creator of protest songs, Chilean folk music and rock. Destacadísimo músico chileno. Hijo de Violeta Parra, toca desde los 5 años. Fundador de la Peña de los Parra.

<http://angelparra.wordpress.com/>

• **Augusto Boal (Brazil)**

*"Peace Yes, Passivity No!"*

Author of various literary works published in a wide variety of languages and recipient of an extraordinary arsenal of prizes and honors. His principal creation, the



Theater of the Oppressed, is today a global reality, being the most recognized theatrical methodology, practiced on the five continents. Read more in Wikipedia...

• **Ariano Suassuna (Brazil)**



Secretary of Culture for the State of Pernambuco.

Trained in Law and Philosophy. Co-founder of the Students' Theater of Pernambuco. Elected as a member of the Pernambuco Academy of Learning. Author of various literary works that have been adapted for theater and translated into numerous languages. His most famous work has been adapted for TV and cinema. Read more in Wikipedia...

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# News: From November 27th to December 27th 2008

## Brazilian Dossier

They are a lot of initiatives that are gathering strength to support the passage of the March in Brazil.

The students from the State College of United Nations, in Bangu have made a wall painting commemorating the 60 years of Human Rights in the center of Rio de Janeiro. Students and teachers from this school already adhere to the World March.

## Presentations of the World March in Brazil BrazilMarica, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Clowns, capoeira, zancudos, and dance groups, songs and movies make this event organized by the Community of the Human Development and Culture a great integrating party.

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## December 10th 2008

### Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Commemorating the 60 years of Humans Rights a march took place under the song: "We don't want "camburao" (Police vans?), we want jobs, health and education" and the World March was presented in Rio de Janeiro. The Minister, Paulo Vannuchi, from the Human Rights secretariat expressed his adhesion to the March after be present at the artistic protest from the youth of La Mare community regarding the violence in communities.

### Olinda, Brazil



In the presentation of the march, realized in Olinda on the 29th November the Center of Reference for Women, the Centre of Cultures Tanacara, MOVPAZ

and the Council of Cultures of Olinda were represented. Also some artistic groups from the Open School from Caiquê, Batuque en la Hoja Seca (Capoeira), the singer Daniela Carmezin from MPB and the acrobat Romero Menezes participated. Video: Chimba and Fábio da Rocha:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=moJFvXZWB5Y>

## Working days and meetings:



The Local school of Guadalajara Paudalho-PE/Brazil organized a march with more than one thousand participants.

Children, bikers and musicians participated on the 22th November in the first meeting of the World March in the Campanario neighborhood, in the city of Diadema. Even though this city is considered as one of the most violent cities of the world, it was chosen for the first meeting of the promotion team of the march in the ABC. This happened because the population and the public power in Diadema is determined to overcome violence.



On the 28<sup>th</sup> November young people met in the communication and youth center in Recife to listen to the proposals of the World March.

The Humanist Movement, the PSOL and the

Movement of Artists from Osasco organized a forum with young activists from Osasco for the construction of non-violence and the 29th November they made the first bicycle race for peace and non-violence in Osasco.

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## 13th December 2008

### São Paulo, Brazil

Working Days to increase awareness of peace and non-violence started with a video presentation about the World March and a short exposition about active non-violence.

It continued with a round table of different organizations that declared their point of view about violence in the fields of education, youth, immigration, Human Rights,



work and the environment. Members of the union of postal workers, of Apeoesp, a youth organization from Cotia, the Humanist Movement, the Center of Cultures, the Orange House and the Humanist Forum in Osasco participated.



### Support from Organizations:

Members of the Community for Human Development and the Humanist Movement participated in an interreligious

meeting, organized at the 15th December by the association "Culture for Peace" in São Paul. After being informed several speakers endorsed the World March.

The Center of Cultures of São Paulo and friends of the promotion team of the World March in São Paulo participated in the March for Immigrants in São Paulo saying we will have real peace when the basic rights are respected.

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### 27th December 2008

Santiago, Chile

## Football match for Peace

Through his company, Gol Iluminado, Elias Figueroa opened a space for the WM in the Match for Peace played between the 22 best Chilean footballers. The match took place in the La Florida stadium with a capacity of 12,000 people. This event gave rise to numerous manifestations for Peace, framed within the March, starting with the opening match played by two women's teams wearing t-shirts of the March, through to the depiction on the grass of a peace sign with white balloons with more than 100 children, to the generous collaboration of the 22 players, wearing the March t-shirts and photographed with banners, while on the giant screens in the stadium the logo and promotional videos were shown. In addition, the logo of the WM was televised by Megavision who were covering the event.



The public in the stadium showed a great sensitivity to the proposal, enthusiastically supporting the different events taking place. Numerous personalities present endorsed the WM and conversations were started about how to bring about new initiatives.

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### 23rd December 2008

## The International Press Agency for Peace and Nonviolence – Pressenza – is born.

On the 27th of December its first news was sent to the media in order to test the teams and circuits. The initial editorial team has the intention of configuring a multinational team capable of distributing information relating to all the themes linked to Peace and Non-violence in the world.

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### 21 December 2008

Tiwanaku, Bolivia



## Tiwanaku declaration: "The time has come to restore Peace and Harmony"

The city of Tiwanaku performed a ceremony coinciding with the celebration of the winter solstice and one year to go until the World March passes through. Here is an extract of the Tiwanaku Declaration:

*"From Tiwanaku, birthplace of a millennial message, a ceremonial and spiritual centre, gathered this 21st of December 2008, we, Messengers, Amawtas, mallkus and mama tallas, humanists, Aymaras, Quechuas, brothers and sisters of all nations of the world, newly united in the Spiritual Message of Unity, Harmony and Equilibrium declare the following: 'Today begins the return of the New Times for the Peoples of the world, a new life where we seek equality, justice, a World without Wars and without violence, a new era, a new millennium for all the people for the world from Tiwanaku...' 'With one year to go until the World March for Peace and Non-violence comes through this sacred Spiritual Centre. A March of Giants that starts the "Pachakuti" or the "Return of Time". "Jacha Uru" has come, "The Great Day" in which all of mankind will reconstruct this world of pain and suffering where we will transform pain into hope and death into life... The Time has come, we have returned to where millions of human beings will be. "... The time has come to change the history of death, of violent, ransacking war, of discrimination, humiliation, hatred and scorn."*

*"Today, from Tiwanaku, from Bolivia, is starting a new year for the peoples of the world, a new life in which we seek equality and justice; a new era; a new millennium for all peoples."*

**20th December**

**Tangiers, Morocco**



## **Presentation of the World March in the Humanist Forum of Morocco, “The Strength of Diversity”**

<http://picasaweb.google.com/pazynoviencia/ForoMarruecos>

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**19th December 2008**

**Alcalá de Henares, Madrid**

## **Presentation of the WM in Alcalá de Henares**

The presentation was organised by the Cultural and Youth Association ADAC and World without Wars in the hall of the City Council. Julián Carneros Molina, president of ADAC, and member of World without Wars informed those present about the activities that are being organised in the locality for the March, such as the photographic exhibition “Alcalá for Nonviolence”, to be celebrated between the 5th and 20th of March coming.

Web: <http://asociacionculturaladac.es.tl>

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**18th December 2008**

**Buenos Aires, Argentina**

## **The “Commission of Lawyers for Peace and Non-violence” was founded during the Ecumenical Gathering of the College of Lawyers.**

The foundational act of the Commission of Lawyers for Peace and Nonviolence was held in the ecumenical Meeting of the College of Lawyers. Authorities from the Jewish Association, Evangelists, the person in charge of Ecumenism for the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, the Syrian Orthodox Church, Armenia, the Islamic Centre as well as Mapuche and Buddhist communities took part. With short presentations they presented their

commitment to peace and shared speeches or fragments of their sacred books.

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**18th December 2008**

**Abidjan, Ivory Coast**

## **Presentation of the WM in the Municipal College**

On the 18th of December 2008, the association, Sexto Continente from the promotion team of the WM in Ivory Coast and Doctor Elogne Zoro, professor at the Abidjan High School organised, together with the Humanist Club at the College, a great event about the World March including conferences, projections and symbolic activities in which participated all the professors and teaching staff and a great part of the 4,500 students at the college.

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**17th December 2008**

**Barcelona, Spain**

## **ComRadio will announce March events**

ComRàdio and the Catalan Promotion team of the WM will sign a convention through which the radio will broadcast various 20 second adverts on a daily basis during the week prior to each event of the World March. The logo of ComRadio will appear in the brochures and the WM as a collaborator.

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**10th to 17th December 2008**

**Rome, Italy**

## **Human Rights Week**

At the initiative of Europe for Peace, Rome celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with a week of activities and with the enthusiastic participation of other organisations. The day of the 17th December was dedicated to informing people about the work of European disarmament of the Europe for Peace Campaign and the situation in the Czech Republic in front of the attempt by the Government to install a US anti-missile shield.

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**15th December 2008**

**Santiago, Chile**

## **Prize for the VideoClip competition “For a World without Wars and without Violence”**



At the 15th December the Center for National and International events of the Santiago University (USACH) organized the competition of VideoClips "For a World without Wars and Without Violence." The Laura Rodriguez Foundation organized this competition to promote active non-violence, to demonstrate that it is possible to build a society of justice, peace and humanity and to promote

the WM, with the motivation of its official launching in Chile. The award of the competition, that is directed to young people in Schools and Universities was given to "Antivirus" realized by Alejandra Aguirre and Nicolas Núñez, students of the USACH. They projected a pure and deep look at discrimination in a work of technical animation. "It is a jewel that lasts 60 seconds" said the Jury member Pamela Cantuarias.

The program was announced on TV, in Via X the program of "7mo Vicio", directed by Gonzalo Frias, who also supports the WM.

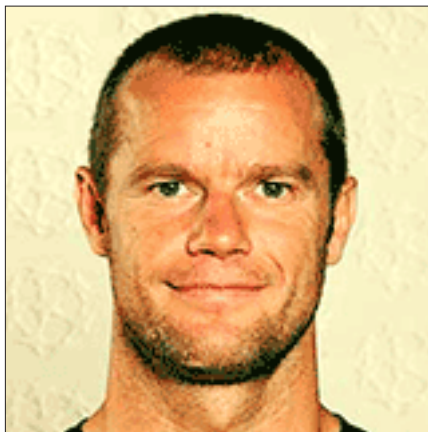
Vídeo Gonzalo Frías:

<http://www.youtube.co/watch?v=TUY0yQMCco4>

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### 15th December 2008

#### Italy



### Gianluca Pessotto

Coach of Juventus Soccer team will be part of the official image of the WM in Italy. Gianluca Pessotto player of 22 international soccer games and

current team manager of Juventus, will act as an image of the World March in Italy in television programs, spots and other ways of diffusion. His participation opens in Italy new channels for diffusion in television, and also for the contact of possible supporters in the world of sports.

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### 15th December 2008

#### South Korea

## Korea will also participate in the World March.

Till now 8 NGO's have confirmed their participation as co-organizers of the World March in South Korea, thanks to the initiative of Sung Yong Park, a Korean partisan of non-violence that promotes the organization of the WM. The Co organizers have the intention to proclaim the official launching of the WM in January, with the motto: "Supporters Network of the World March for Peace and Non-violence in Korea."

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### 15th December 2008

#### Santiago, Chile

## Event for Peace fills the Auditorium of the Telefonica.

The Aspiration for Peace gathered more than 450 people in the Auditorium of the Telefonica in Santiago for the event: "The light of Soul in Christmas", organized by Patricia May and Sergio Sagüez. Micky Hirsch was responsible for the presentation of the WM, this was announced with a big banner at the entrance of the Auditorium. Eduardo Gatt closed the meeting, he dedicated his song "I want Peace" to the WM and promised to dedicate and to mention the march in all his performances.

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### 15th December 2008

#### Philippines

## Presentation of the World March in the Philippines by TV:

8 Million people could see it.

The Organization WAGI („Women, A Great Inspiration“) realized the presentation through a local channel, that promised to make a periodic diffusion of the activities in relation to the WM.

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### 14th December 2008

#### Istanbul, Ankara and Konya, Turkey



## Formation of the Turkish promotion team.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> . to the 14<sup>th</sup> . December some non-violent

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activists visited the cities of Istanbul, Ankara and Konya to present the World March to personalities and groups of political, social, cultural and university life, it ended in the formation of the WM promotion team in Turkey. They visited the University of Bosphorus and convoked a meeting with video projections about non-violence and the WM. The director of the Center of Cultures Mevlana promised to prepare a hall where 3000 persons can enter to celebrate a music concert and a Sema (Sufi Dancers) during the activities that will take place when the march arrives to Konya. The group participated in pacifist demonstrations, realized television interviews and contacted different channels to impulse the creation of the promotion team, that once constituted, fixed its calendar and convoked a second meeting for the 17. January.

Web Center of Cultures of Istanbul: <http://www.rengahenk.org>

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#### **11th to 13th December 2008**

##### **Paris, France**

### **Presentation of the WM to Nobel Prize Winners for Peace.**

A Delegation of Co Organizations of the World March took the advantage of the 9th meeting of the Nobel prize for peace in Paris, to present the World March to personalities and organizations, well known for their work for peace. The information was received cordially in all the cases and in most of them with enthusiasm. Members of World Without Wars, of the News Agency "Pressenza" and of the Humanist Movement personally informed Lech Walesa, F.W. de Klerk, Jon Hume, Betty Williams, Corrigan Maguire Maird and the secretary of Mijail Gorbachov. They also invited Nobel prize winner organizations to participate in the World march: Children's rights, International Campaign for the prohibition of landmines ICBL, International Office for Peace IPB, International Association of Physics to prevent a nuclear war IPPNW, Albert Schweitzer Institute, Nongovernment Platform of climatic change IPCC and international organizations like Institute of global security and the University of Stanford Martin Luther King, among others.

Web of the meeting of the Nobel Prize for Peace: [http://www.nobelforpeace-summits.org/ANNUAL\\_SUMMIT/2008.htm](http://www.nobelforpeace-summits.org/ANNUAL_SUMMIT/2008.htm)

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#### **10th to 13th December 2008**

##### **Gran Canarias, Spain**

### **WWW in the fair of "Solidarity Gran Canaria"**

World without Wars has participated in the NGO fair "Solidarity Gran Canarias", organized by the council of Solidarity Cabildo. The organization commemorated the 60th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human rights,

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presented the World March in a press conference, with the participation of the songwriter Aristides Moreno, the writer Juan Carlos de Sancho and the representative of the Cabildo de Gran Canarias, Luz Caballer, Council for Culture and Manuel Romero, Coordinator of the Area for Health. Fotos:

<http://picasaweb.google.es/Luis.Bodoque/GRANCANARIASOLIDARIA#>

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#### **12 December 2008**

##### **Mendoza, Argentina**

### **Moving World March opening speech**

Sandra Amor launched the Word March in the town of Mendoza, in Argentina, with a brief but moving speech. She likened the WM to an internal march *"going through all parts of memory, trying to liberate them from suffering and violence because it needs to clear the way for the future, because it needs to clean, clarify and illuminate what will come."* She spoke of old and new tendencies that coexist within her: the old one sees everything as being difficult, with no future and is used to fighting; the new one *"demands an uncluttered future"*. To her, this new perspective is *"reflected in my children, in my brothers and sisters, in my townspeople, to whom I extend the invitation to the march, and who I encourage to believe"* and *"to live the open future of which we all dream."*

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#### **12 December 2008**

##### **Mumbai, India**



### **Thousands Form Human Peace Chains**

After the terrorist attacks that assailed Mumbai at the end of November, the group "Mumbai For Peace" organized several human peace chains formed by thousands of participants to protest against terrorism throughout the Indian city. They demanded that the government take responsible action to create long-term strategies to end terrorism, as well as transparent and "credible" trials for the accused.

<http://es.noticias.yahoo.com/9/20081212/twl-cadenas-humanas-en-bombay-por-la-paz-2ef3220.html>



10 December 2008

Freetown, Sierra Leon

## Symposium on participation in World March

A hundred people participated in a symposium on the importance of the World March organized by the Association for Human Development Sierra Leon, held at Freetown's CCSL Hall.

Journalists, musicians and human rights workers, among others, participated in group discussions about reactions to the World March, its importance for world peace and the role individuals can play to support the March.

10 December 2008

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

## Jazz for Human Rights and the World March



The sounds of jazz trumpeter Saskia Laroo kicked off a rally in support of human rights and of the World March in a central square in Amsterdam. Members of the Community for Human Development delivered an

emotional speech before reading articles from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These were interspersed with musical performances and speeches announcing the World March and the imminent Dutch Humanist Forum. A bongo band concluded the event along with a spectacular fire dancer who performed as the attendees pronounced a plea for peace and created a peace sign with their torches.

Support for the World March during the Dutch Humanist Forum

This rally preceded the Dutch Humanist Forum, which was held on December 14<sup>th</sup> amid a wonderful atmosphere of participation and exchange. Several organizations in the Netherlands have already begun to promote the World March on their websites:

Photos:

<http://picasaweb.google.nl/peternoordendorp/FotosManifestacionPorLaPazYLaNoviolencia101208EnAmsterdam02#>

Webs: [www.samenvoorvrede.nl](http://www.samenvoorvrede.nl)

<http://wereld-mars.hyves.net/>

[www.u2nijmegen.nl](http://www.u2nijmegen.nl)

10 December 2008

Madrid, Spain

## Complutense University of Madrid:

World March information day

Students were invited to join the "Network of Marching University Students" during an information session promoted by the Education Against Non-Violence association.

Poster:

Cartel: <http://picasaweb.google.com/davidandersson/5BoroMarchAndPressConferenceDec72008?authkey=OKkuaqrSTQg&pli=1#>

9 December 2008

Santiago, Chile



## Participants wear a t-shirt for peace and non-violence in Constitution Square

Constitution Square, across from La Moneda Palace, hosted the official launch of the World March in Chile. Chile launched its campaign to promote joining and citizen participation in the World March with this event during which crowd members "wore the t-shirt for peace and non-violence".



Participants carried a clothesline with outfits of different colours, representing the diversity of individuals and cultures that support the

March, as well as the variety of supporting initiatives: concerts, festivals, forums, meetings and multiple educational, cultural, artistic and sport activities.

## Celebrities present invitation card to President

To conclude the launch, a group of personalities from the Chilean social, political and cultural worlds, all wearing the t-shirt for peace and nonviolence, went to La Moneda Palace to give president Michelle Bachelet an invitation card to join the March.

The delegation was headed by Gloria Morrison, president



of World Without Wars, and WM spokesperson Javiera Oñate, who were accompanied by Elías Figueroa, Malucha Pinto, members of the band Juana Fe, Cristián Bustos, Marko Zaror,

mayors Claudio Orrego and Pablo Zalaquett, Celine Reynolds, Francini Amaral, Tomás Hirsch, Elisa Zulueta and María Gracia Omegn.

Promotional video:

<http://es.youtube.com/watch?v=-fdfVB-eDIc>

Video press release:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2oyv99Bz\\_c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2oyv99Bz_c)

**8 December 2008**

**Santiago, Chile**

## Television covers opening launch

ChileVisión's morning show "Gente como usted" broadcast the first introduction to the World March on television. Leo Caprile and Marcela Bacarezza interviewed Humanist spokesperson Javiera Oñate, Colo Colo soccer team coach Marcelo Barticciotto, former triathlon champion Marcelo Bustos "IronMan" and Juanito, the lead singer of the band "Juana Fe". All four wore t-shirts with the logo of the March and the hosts of the show joined the World March live on-air. The next day, a few hours before the launch ceremony, Javiera and Juanito appeared on Channel 13 and former soccer player Elías Figueroa formulated an invitation on the Megavisión channel later on in the day. Finally,



peace activist Juanita Vergara and cyclist Sebastián Layseca appeared on RedTV's "Con el pie derecho". The show's host Mauricio Israel, also joined the World March live on-air.

Behind the scenes and highlights from "Gente come usted":

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6FwoCEEKs8>

Video:

[http://www.loshumanistas.tv/mm/chile/MM\\_Chile\\_Canal13\\_9\\_12\\_2008\\_2M20S.wmv](http://www.loshumanistas.tv/mm/chile/MM_Chile_Canal13_9_12_2008_2M20S.wmv)

Video:

[http://www.loshumanistas.tv/mm/chile/MM\\_Chile\\_Megavision\\_9\\_12\\_2008\\_5M.wmv](http://www.loshumanistas.tv/mm/chile/MM_Chile_Megavision_9_12_2008_5M.wmv)

Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWH9CQA3QxI>

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**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**New York, U.S.A.**



## Reviving hope: Marches from the Five Boroughs to New York City Hall

One hundred and fifty people participated in six marches that took place in New York City. One march by children and five from the five Boroughs converged on city hall, where a press conference was held that involved members of the city's government, representatives of peace groups, social services organizations, ethnic associations, a high school and a university that is supporting the WM. Inspired by the historical election of Barack Obama and his promise to pull out troops from Iraq, a new spirit of peace and cooperation is emerging in the world and asks the U.S. to take advantage of this moment of change. New Yorkers have responded to this call thus: Chris Wells, Spokesperson for New Humanism in North America, declared that "the recent events in India make clearer than ever the importance of disarmament and non-violence. Growing tensions and disagreements between neighbouring countries each possessing nuclear weapons amounts to disaster." The U.S. coordinator for the World March, Dennis Redmond, expressed the wish that this day show the great diversity of people who give their support to change: "Obama has



opened the door, but it's up to all of us to make this go forward."

The press conference included among its speakers Senator-elect for New York State Hiram Monserrat, New York City council member Melissa Mark-Viverito, U.S. Army veteran Sgt. Matthis Chiroux, the President of the Federation of Indian Associations of the Cities of New York and New Jersey Yash Paul Soi, as well as youth organizations and university faculty associations. The event was covered by a local television station, TV Asia, a Chinese radio station and English-, Chinese- and Spanish-language press. Photos:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/davidandersson/5BoroMarchAndPressConferenceDec72008?authkey=OKkuaqrSTQg&pli=1#>

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December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Prague, the Czech Republic

## The “Invisibles” Against the Missile Shield

Carrying placards and wearing anti-radiation suits, masks and faces painted white, about one hundred demonstrators declared themselves “invisible” to the media, who seem to ignore the fact that more than two thirds of the Czech population are opposed to the NMD project, the national missile defence system being developed by the U.S. They demanded that both the media and the politicians listen to the voice of the 70% of the population who are against the American project. Later, they marched through the streets of central Prague and in the city’s subway system denouncing the divisions that the NMD project is causing in Europe as well as the reactions of Russia and China, which are contributing to the creation of a new Cold War atmosphere, with resumption of the nuclear and conventional arms races. They announced that the demonstration will continue against the new (Czech) presidency of the European Union that starts in 2009 and that very likely on February 24<sup>th</sup> they will meet with euro-deputies in the European Parliament and new events will be organized. They also request the support of all European citizens because they feel that all Europeans are affected by this harmful American plan.



Video:  
<http://www.europeforpeace.eu/news.php?id=1036&country>

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December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Washington D.C., U.S.A.

## World Leaders Try to Ban Nuclear Weapons

Over 100 political, military, business, religious and civic leaders have given their support to a campaign launched on December 7<sup>th</sup> by the international group formed by about 20 world leaders, committed to the elimination of nuclear weapons over the next 25 years. Among them are former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, former U.S. Secretary of State Laurence Eagleburger, former U.S. Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, former Pakistani Foreign Secretary Shaharyar



Khan, retired Chief of the Indian Air Force, Shashindra Pal Tyagi, and former British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind. The campaign started with a meeting in Paris on December 9<sup>th</sup>, which will be followed by delegations to Moscow and Washington to meet with members of government, culminating in January 2010 with a world summit.

[http://espanol.news.yahoo.com/s/ap/081207/internacional/amn\\_gen\\_armas\\_atomicas\\_reduccion](http://espanol.news.yahoo.com/s/ap/081207/internacional/amn_gen_armas_atomicas_reduccion)

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December 6<sup>th</sup>,

Tula, Russia

## Presentation of the WM

This past December 6<sup>th</sup> was held a presentation of the WM in the Russian city of Tula, located 300 km east of Moscow. The presentation was covered by the local press and has set the stage for the upcoming formation of the organizing team for the city, next April.

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December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

La Laguna (Tenerife), Spain



## Canary Island Network of Affiliated Schools Offers Warm Welcome to the World March

During a regular meeting of the “Red Canaria de Escuelas Solidarias” (RCES; Canary Island Network of Affiliated Schools), held in the Teaching staff centre of La Laguna, there was a presentation on the WM, which culminated with the joining of the 12 institutes that were represented. The RCES is run by the “Educate for Peace, Solidarity and Human Rights” program of the Directorate for Educational Innovation and Planning and is formed by 118 educational centres from the Canary Islands. World Without Wars and the objectives of the World March were presented, and the fundamental role of the educational centres in raising awareness of the new generations, de-naturalizing violence and insisting on the fact that, just as one learns to be violent, one learns to be non-violent, was explained. Damián Marrero, coordinator of the RCES in Tenerife, closed the event by lauding the educational possibilities of the WM and publicly committing to supporting it, and also to work to develop initiatives from the network as a whole and from each one of the educational centre.

November 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Nairobi, Kenya



## “The Strength of Diversity and Nonviolence” The 2<sup>nd</sup> African Humanist Forum

From November 26<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>, there took place in Nairobi the second African Humanist Forum, “The Strength of Diversity and Non-violence.” The forum invited people, institutions, as well as social, political and cultural organizations that share the ideals of non-violence and non-discrimination, bringing together participants from 25 countries. The official launch of the World March in Africa was also held during the meeting.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> African Forum, in Dakar (Senegal) in 2006, a decision was made to take a new path for Africa: “Today was born the symbol of the New Africa, reconciled with itself, where the Human Being is the central value above all other interests. A new Africa that respects the most positive aspects of our traditions, our culture and our religiosity. A New Africa that brings dignity to our continent and beauty to the Human Beings living here. Taking this path means commitment and unity.”

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- **Patricia Faessler (Switzerland)**



*“The longer we wait for wonders, the sooner we destroy the world. Please join the forces for peace.”*

Patricia Faessler is model, photographer and human rights activist. She is peace ambassador for the world wide march in Switzerland, and contact person for personalities who wish to support the march for peace and non violence. Patricia Faessler is model, photographer and human rights activist. She is peace ambassador for the world wide march in Switzerland and contact person for personalities who wish to support the march for peace and non violence.

<http://www.patriciafaessler.com/>

- **Adolfo Pérez Esquivel (Argentina)**



Nobel Peace Prize (1980), Sculptor, Architect and pacifist.

- **Jean-Baptiste Libouban (France)**



Activist for Non-violence.

- **Ximena Rincón González (Chile)**



Mayor of Santiago, lawyer.

- **León Gieco (Argentina)**



Singer-songwriter. Musician, composer and interpreter.

- **Brenda Macintyre (Canada)**



Healing Singer. Winner of Juno prize as singer of ethnic music of the world.

- **Eduardo Suplicy (Brazil)**



*“I would like participate walking on part of the route in Brazil. I will make an announcement in the Senate in support to the March in order to publicize it more.”*

Senator State of São Paulo.

- **Paula Lima (Brazil)**



*“Everything for Peace! Is there anybody who will not support that initiative?”*

Interpreter and composer.

# Organizations Supporting the World March

Until 31st December the World March for Peace and Non-violence counts with the following supporting organizations registered through it web pages.

**Supporting  
Organizations  
486  
from 48 countries**

Amongst the most recent are:

- CAAB (UK)  
Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases



Focusing on American bases in the UK and worldwide, CAAB carries out nonviolent campaigns to increase public awareness, scrutiny and accountability of American bases in the UK, which are out of control and secret, in order to oppose the US Missile Defense system and promote independence from the US. Read more on their website

- Medical Assistance International (Portugal)



An NGO with missions around the world, created to intervene rapidly in situations of crisis and emergency, with humankind at the center of their concerns.

<http://www.ami.org.pt/>

- WeltHungerHilfe (Germany)



Working on a global level for human rights, sustainable development, the provision of food and conservation of the environment. Provides humanitarian support in conflict regions; with long term projects with local partner organizations in regions that suffer from chronic hunger and poverty.

- Paideia Foundation (Spain)



Founded in 1986 by Rosalia Mera and recognized by the XUNTA as an Institution in the Interests of Galicia, Paideia Foundation is an open space with an interdisciplinary mult-dimensional vocation that covers training, intervention and investigation with the premise of continual ethical and scientific reflection promoting a participatory culture of solidarity in society.

<http://www.paideia.es/>

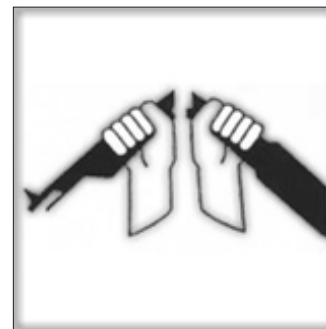
- Greenpeace (Hungary)



International Ecology and Peace Organization, economically and politically independent, not accepting donations or pressure from governments, political parties or businesses. Carries out campaigns to halt climate change, protect biodiversity, end the use of nuclear energy and weapons and promote peace across the planet.

<http://www.greenpeace.hu/>

- The Nonviolent Movement (Italy)



*"Nonviolence is on the march. The horizon*

*towards which we are all heading is the same, but many are the paths to choose from – higher or lower – faster or slower – with luggage that is lighter or heavier. Everyone is seeking to reach nonviolence in their own way, however they can and in whatever way they know. The World March will unite different people. The horizon will always be there in the distance, always farther away, but the path is made as we go.*

For the Nonviolent Movement - Mao Valpiana (Secretary).

[www.nonviolent.org](http://www.nonviolent.org)

- Red Cross (Argentina)



- Physicians for Global Survival (Canada)



- Ethical commission against Torture (Chile)



- **Associazione Comboniana Servizio Emigranti e Profughi (Italia)**



- **Friends for Peace (Costa Rica)**



- **Couleurs d'Avenir (France)**



Our work: "To unite to build a peaceful life in a pleasant environment."

<http://www.couleursdavenir.com>

- **Liga Guineense dos Direitos Humanos (Guinea Bissau)**



- **Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Switzerland)**



- **Fondare l'Avvenire dell'Infanzia (Senegal)**



- **Konseil für Otonomie der Kunst (Turquía)**



**Download a pdf of the latest map (updated 31st December 2008) at**

[www.marchamundial.org](http://www.marchamundial.org)



## International Promotion Team

**December 7<sup>th</sup> 2008**

### 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Promotion Team

The International Promotion Team met for the fourth time during an almost 4 hour internet chat with 47 participants representing 34 countries and 12 functions.

"These meetings are very important occasions for levelling, interchange, coordination and fine tuning", said Rafael de la Rubia, coordinator of the March, "they will be complemented by other meetings on specific subjects, in order to continue moving forward with the organisation, which is already very visible. After the official launch of the WM in Punta de Vacas, on November 15<sup>th</sup> and the presentations at the Milan, Buenos Aires and Nairobi forums, for Europe, America and Africa respectively, the official public presentations in all suitable places can now be made. The recommendation of the International Promotion Team (IPT) is to generate the best conditions: if possible, to count on the presence of other organisations and some personalities, in order to have greater backing and media echo, as well as having the WM defined in the country, with a precise calendar of routes, events, etc.

Along with the establishment of promotion teams, a new element is appearing, the

pre-promotion team, with the role of creating the conditions to develop the promotion teams.

The basic profile of promotion teams was described again: it consists of organisations and/or institutions from all origins. Also, individuals can participate in a personal way if they are on a level of participation similar to the others.

The axis of participation in the promotion teams are the "initiatives" since, if there aren't any, there is nothing to coordinate. Therefore, it is hoped that each organisation or action front contributes at least one initiative.

An organisational chart of the functions of the promotion teams and a dossier with those already in motion were presented, with descriptions and people in charge.

The WM is developing new characteristics. What in the beginning was a sequential proposal, with a starting point (Wellington) and then passing through different places activating things as they passed, has now been transformed into an proposal of simultaneity, with the WM not only beginning in Wellington on October 2<sup>nd</sup> but on that date, all the points becoming active simultaneously. That is to say, the proposal has gone from the sequential to the simultaneous and October 2<sup>nd</sup> could have thousands of places activating themselves on that day. From this vision, "everything is the March" and we will aim to emphasize the activities in all places, for this reason we will speak of a main route and converging routes.

More than 50 people from 16 countries have enrolled to participate in the central team during the three months of the WM. The coordination function will study how to achieve the participation of more countries.

The calendar with the precise dates when the march will go through each country was published and after reviewing each one of the functions, the next meeting was fixed for January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### The functions in the World March

More than 300 people are participating already in functions that have arisen from the IPT from both national and local promotion teams. The general functions (institutional, media, web, translations, etc.) are going to take another dimension as initiatives are set in motion both by organisations and individuals.

With reference to institutional relations an international team is being formed with 4 or 5 people who will coordinate the function, assembling data bases of contacts and endorsements already attained. Also, a proposal was given as to the levels of participation when endorsing the WM.

In relation to the design function we considered the need of defining the official materials and to have a place from where they can be easily accessed. The great diversity of production of materials (leaflets, placards, t-shirts, plates, stickers, video-clips, etc.) arising from the initiatives at the base shows a huge proliferation.

Thirteen teams, with between 4 and 20 people, are working in 14 languages (Spanish, English, French, Portuguese, Italian, German, Magyar, Russian, Greek, Turkish, Albanian, Philippine, Chinese, Arab and Aymara,) and we foresee the inclusion of many more languages, mainly from Asia, Africa and America. Also, a network of professional translators is beginning to collaborate. In the not too distant future, we could be translating into 30 or 40 different languages. In relation to the Web site it is observed as the most urgent need to reinforce the languages (they are already working in 6). The team for the Web function is being expanded given the volume of information that it is managing.

The bulletin is produced by the press team of WWW (World Without Wars) in Web and PDF formats. Whoever wishes to send information may do so at [medios@mundosinguerras.org](mailto:medios@mundosinguerras.org)

Also we are working on the publication of a video-bulletin from the video function. This function has the need to widen itself subdividing into three different teams: organisation, pre-march and during the march.

### Video

- Official spot of WM see: <http://es.youtube.com/watch?v=DQPTUly2zoU>
- Greek spot WM see: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=anguhTeSekw>
- French spots WWW see: [http://www.wat.tv/video/weekend-prepa-WM-upji\\_upb1\\_.html](http://www.wat.tv/video/weekend-prepa-WM-upji_upb1_.html)

[http://www.wat.tv/video/msg-logo-yjod\\_upb1\\_.html](http://www.wat.tv/video/msg-logo-yjod_upb1_.html)

[http://www.wat.tv/video/msg-clip-14zev\\_upb1\\_.html](http://www.wat.tv/video/msg-clip-14zev_upb1_.html)

### Video-bulletin of the WM

It will compile all the videos of events that are taking place in the world with respect to the March. Send productions to: [video@theworldmarch.org](mailto:video@theworldmarch.org)

### Video Workshop on the WM in Madrid:

A 2 day Video Workshop is being organised, dedicated to the World March. The first day will tackle technical questions and the afternoon of the second will include a meeting about how to organise oneself to work sharing material in co-ordination. Date and place to be confirmed: January 24 and 25 at the premises of Ardemans of Madrid. Information: Alvaro Orús <[alvarorus@gmail.com](mailto:alvarorus@gmail.com)>

### Music

#### WM-Creative Web



Clésio Tapety, from Brasil.

We have more and more original music for the march. Till today the WM Creative web site has received 17 themes, 9 songs, 4 jingles and one demo tape of musical creations, some of them adapted, some of them original compositions. The singers, composers, arrangers and/or producers are: Mezclao, José

Sefarty, Clésio Tapety, Florent Delaunay, Moisés Valdebenito, Juan Miguel "Franc" Franco, Xavier Batllés, Cirilo Adriaola, Cristálida, Miguel Gómiz and Comunidad Mauritania. Another 5 songs were handed over by Uki Tolosa for the WM of his CD "Sobrefuego". You can listen at WM-Creative:

[marchamundialcreative.blogspot.com](http://marchamundialcreative.blogspot.com)

### Web

Is now operating in 7 languages. Since the 8th December after a period of tests, the official web site of the Worldmarch was available in five languages: Spanish, English, Italian, French and Portuguese, the following week German was available too. The translation team and the information team still have the aim to increase the number of available languages.

Web: [www.marchamundial.org](http://www.marchamundial.org)

**Put a banner of the March as a signature of your Email:**



**Different sizes in 7 languages:**

<http://mmrecursosblog.blogspot.com>

**Banners of the WM:**



Different formats, sizes and languages.

Statistics and animated flashes:

<http://iniciativa.260mb.com>

## Mayors and Councils:



- **Municipality of Comas (Peru)**

Mayor Dr. Miguel Angel Saldana Reategui.

## Universities:



- **University of Mariano Gálvez.**

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

- **University of Friday D'izidro Bendito.**

Maputo, Mozambique.

- **Corporation University Minuto de Dios.**

Bogotá, Colombia.

- **University Pedro De Valdivia.**

Santiago, Chile.

- **National University Mayor De San Marcos.**

Lima, Peru.

- **University Del Pacifico.**

Santiago, Chile.

## About the: World March

Organized by World without Wars, the World March for Peace and Non-Violence will be initiated in New Zealand on October 2, 2009, the anniversary of Gandhi's birth and declared the "International Day of Non-Violence" by the United Nations. After 90 days, crossing 6 continents, it will conclude on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 in Punta de Vacas Argentina, close to Mount Aconcagua.

It will travel 160.000 kilometers by land, sea and air and it will visit more than 90 countries and it is foreseen that more than one million people will participate in thousands of initiatives that will join the common objective to create a worldwide awareness for Peace and eradication of all kinds of violence in the human being, not just physical, such as war, but also economical, psychological, racial, religious, sexual, etc.

for more information:

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## World without Wars

Is an international organization that has been working for more than 16 years at international level for the end of wars, nuclear disarmament and the elimination of all kinds of violence in the world.

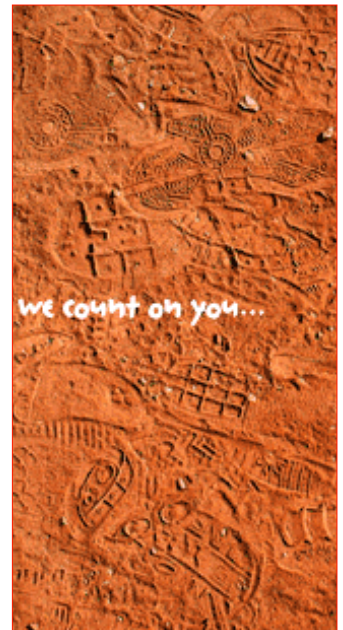
To read more:

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## Worldwide Endorsements of the March

Among thousands of people that support the march there are personalities, that invite through their example others to join the cause: Noam Chomsky, Desmond Tutu, José Saramago, Helmut Frenz, Eduardo Galeano, Zubin Mettha, Federico Mayor Zaragoza, Joan Manuel Serrat, Miguel Ríos, las Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo, Alejandro Jodorowsky, Ana Belén, Nurit Peled, León Gieco, Edith Salazar, Ariel Dorfman, Hamilton Faria, Gustavo Cerati, Giusto Catania, Michael Lerner, René Bobe, Perla Carvalho, Richard Stallman, John Pasche, Luis Pastor and a lot of others that are mentioned in the bulletins.

Look for endorsements in the web of the WM.



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