



## **JOINT STATEMENT**

**Joint Statement from the entities signing below, members of Pacto de Convivencia platform, addressing the war conflict in Ukraine.**

### **STOP THE WAR AND STRENGTHEN PEACE**

The entities signing below, members of Pacto de Convivencia platform, express our complete rejection of the military invasion of a sovereign state, of its civil population's bombing, and the violation of their fundamental rights. There is no reason to justify the use of violence as strategic means to fulfill governmental or personal objectives, not now nor ever, not in Europe nor in any other place around the world.

We are making an urgent international call for the immediate cessation of military action and the initiation of conflict resolution strategies in accordance with international treaties and the International Humanitarian Law.

We encourage and call on our political class to act as one to facilitate decision making over this conflict. The international community, including Spain, ought to aid in paving the way for peace.

We call on the Spanish society in contributing to an active harmonious coexistence and peace:

FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STRENGTHEN PEACE:

#### **ALWAYS CHOOSE PEACE AND WORK TO ACHIEVE IT:**

Violence is never the answer to any conflict. On the contrary, it aggravates them and delays successful resolutions. Human Rights and people's security shall always be the center of all decisions. Compromising with respect, dialogue and non-violent strategies are the solution to every conflict. Get in touch with people around you in your personal, educative, or professional environments. Encourage them to enhance peace culture into their own environments which contributes to de-escalate tensions. Take part on initiatives and mobilizations that stand for peace as the only possible path.

#### **INFORM YOURSELF IN AN ACCURATE AND COMPLETE WAY AWAY FROM SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Disinformation is a weapon during conflict. Be critical with what you see on social media and analyze objectively that information and the one given by mass media, considering it is usually oriented towards a particular ideology. Contrast all of it with the testimonies of people or institutions working on the field.

### **PRACTICE SOLIDARITY AND NEVER TURN ON HATE**

Collaborate with all entities working in the humanitarian response to conflict and encourage the authorities into signing international accords of asylum offerings. Help people in situations of need around you as well.

Our country is full of families carrying strong bonds with the territories at war. Develop relationships of support to enhance social cohesion in our country. Do not contribute to social rupture by identifying people with the irrational actions of a certain governmental party. Do not produce or replicate any messages against migrants.

### **GENERATE SOCIAL TRUST:**

Watch your language and your relationships. Generate trust through conversations that facilitate emotional expression. Place value on mutual support, one of the most important tools to save lives in situations of conflict. You will generate psychological security against uncertainty.

### **KEEP HOPE UP AND ALIVE**

The youngest generations have lived during an economic crisis as never seen before, a global pandemic and now they are facing an unprecedented armed conflict, but all previous generations knew how to move forward. Strengthen hope, resilience culture and encourage the youth to actively promote peace.

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