

## KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION

Representatives of the five ICCDA Regional Associations gathered in Kuala Lumpur from June 7–9, 1983, to deliberate on the major issues of Development in the world. These Associations which are Non-Governmental Organizations representing more than 600 Social Science Research and Training Institutes have agreed to make the following declaration: –

1) Convinced that world peace is impossible without development, social scientists express their deep concern about the present evolution of the world economy which has seriously affected the economies in the North and has worsened the economic and social situation of the populations in the Third World, clearly revealing how dependent their economies are.

2) They are extremely worried to witness that economic policies dating from another age have, in the name of fighting inflation, accelerated the unfolding of the crisis. They demand that an end be put to such narrow policies and that a component of the expansionist policies be geared towards development and be adopted for the world economy.

3) Convinced that the crisis of transmitted growth is mainly linked to the structures of the world economy and not to its cycles, they do believe that the restructuring and the democratization of international and domestic economic relations are the only solutions conducive to new forms of development. They express their belief that stimulation policies, necessary in the short term, can in no way be substituted for the imperative need of building a New International Economic Order which would bring about development and benefit the people.

4) The analysis of the present crisis shows that the important peace factor of putting a limit to the arms race is one of the conditions necessary for development. Peace allows the mobilisation of financial and human, national and international resources in favour of development.

5) Emphasise their unshakeable commitment to world peace and human rights and their willingness to contribute to the progress of humanity.

6) Declare that the contribution of the social sciences to the above objectives can only be achieved under complete intellectual freedom, and urge all States and other Institutions to respect and enforce freedom of thought and intellectual creativity.

7) The social scientists here gathered thus express their commitment to the study not only of the past and the present but also of the configuration of the future societies.

8) Believe that the analysis of the emerging World System should be undertaken with ample intellectual exchange between researchers from different regions bridging the cultural gaps and preparing the ground for a better understanding of development processes.

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