

Global Peace Initiative of Women

Summary Concluding Statement of the G20 Forum of Religious and Spiritual Leaders *Seoul, South Korea, 12 November 2010*

We, a group of religious and spiritual leaders from around the world, representing the Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Humanist, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Shinto faiths and philosophies, have gathered here in Seoul during the G20 Summit to help re-envision prosperity in response to the extreme dangers facing the world community in all its forms of life.

We recognise the competing national interests that make it difficult for the G20 leaders to come to agreement. Still, at an hour of great peril facing humanity and the Earth, these matters remain to be faced decisively:

- More inclusive economic policies benefitting all levels of society and all nations of the world;
- Concrete steps to respect and protect Nature while guiding economic development; and,
- Recognition in economic policies that “on a limited Earth there cannot be unlimited growth,” and work toward a more considered form of growth with greater concern for the long term, many-generational future.

We are committed to work together with leaders and communities to foster a new model of development, one that honors the beauty of our planet, protects its life-sustaining forces and understands its interdependence and its fragility. We are committed to a new vision of prosperity, one that embodies the spiritual qualities of sharing and mindful consumption.

We believe that seeking a balance of material and spiritual growth, outer and inner development, is essential to the effective pursuit of happiness.

We ask that the world community respond with substance and in time to avert the looming prospect of great suffering and destruction, and we call upon all leaders and all people to take responsibility for this crisis and take urgent steps towards its resolution.

[A longer version of this statement, with more detail and specific action steps, is available on www.gpiw.org]

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