



Latin-American Festival

in Costa Rica



We, the children of Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama, brought together in San José, Costa Rica, want to make a special APPEAL to all world leaders.

The human race has made great progress in technology, but has forgotten the most important part : **"spiritual transformation"**.

We are the light that will illuminate the future, and this light must be strong in order to reach every corner of the universe.

Therefore, we ask that there be an end to nuclear testing and contamination, that laws protecting our environment be enforced effectively, that permanent campaigns be carried out to help us improve the environment...

All human beings have the duty to contribute to a world where happiness, solidarity, fraternity, friendship and peace are elements of daily life. Therefore, we ask for the approval and diffusion to the rest of the world of the following points :

- 1.** Frontiers should be eliminated and large crossroads should be built to unite all countries.
- 2.** All human beings are equal and deserve equal treatment. It is therefore necessary to listen, help and meet the needs of the poor populations.
- 3.** All children have the right to live, to grow, to be educated, to have a place to live, to be healthy and to be happy.



4. All countries of the world should be democratic, where the citizens elect the governors and create the laws by which they will be ruled.

5. Children and women should be neither physically nor psychologically abused.

6. Women and men must have equal opportunities.

7. Governments should think not only of the economy, but also of the population of their country.

8. Men and women should be more tolerant in order to bring an end to violence.

9. We should learn to have peace in our hearts, in order to bring peace to others.

10. We must love and respect ourselves so that we can defend our rights and demand respect, by means of dialogue, understanding, tolerance in order to achieve love for all.

In agreement with the thoughts of Dr Oscar Arias Sánchez, the patron of this Festival, the children of this Festival promise to promote a Culture of Peace.

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