

DECLARATION OF GLOBAL CIVILITY

Civility: A new Direction

Preamble

In today's global village the challenges we face in negotiating differences are far greater than those that were faced by civilisations of the past. The paradigm of diversity has changed through advances in communication, science, technology and speed of travel resulting in a mass exchange of people and ideas. Globalisation has created new and unprecedented trials and tribulations to the interface of diversity.

The social fabric of society has never been governed by laws and regulations but has been enacted through reflections of creed and conscience. Given the tensions of modern society there is a dire need for individuals and communities to exercise responsibility and sensitivity in their social conduct.

The Principles of Global Civility

Maxim: **"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"**

We recognise that individual or collective human dignity is a fundamental right and that the desecration of such through insult, denigration or humiliation is morally and ethically wrong.

Passionate emotions must be harnessed and channelled through good manners and etiquettes to civilise any debate in our diverse society.

Maxim: **"Love for your brother what you love for yourself"**

Reckless and malicious expressions will lead to vilification and demonisation of each other and our communities.

Our interdependency is the rule and not the exception. It is essential for us to have a sincere insight of each other which should lead to sustainable civility resulting in harmonious existence.

A GLOBAL SOCIAL CONTRACT OF CIVILITY

I the undersigned, agree that through mutual consideration and the revival of civility as a shared medium of dialogue we are better equipped to reconstructing a more enlightened society.

Signed..... Email.....