

# Memorandum of Understanding

between

**Servare et Manere**

NGO responsible for the implementation of the Tree of Peace

and

**World Peace Bell Association**

## Introductory Provision

The subject of this Memorandum is to set out the general framework for the cooperation between the Parties in activities related to the development of peace, the deepening of mutual understanding and friendship between countries around the world within the scope and in the manner presented in this Memorandum.

Whereas the parties are interested in broadening their international cooperation and have common goals in the field of developing peace and deepening understanding and friendship between nations expressed their interest in cooperating and collaborating with each other,

**Servare et Manere** (hereinafter the "SeM")

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Servare et Manere is a Slovak non-governmental and non-profit civic association registered by the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic under no. VVS / 1-900 / 90-35334.

and

**World Peace Bell Association**, Tokyo Headquarters (hereinafter the "WPBA")

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Represented by: Mr. Katsumi Sato, Chairman

(hereinafter the "Parties"), have concluded the following Memorandum on the principle of mutual benefit and support and on a voluntary basis:

### Article I

Characteristics of the Parties of the Memorandum:

1. **Servare et Manere** is a Slovak organization responsible for the development of the international project Tree of Peace, which was established to promote the message of peace through the planting of at least one Tree of Peace on every continent. The project was originally associated with the centenary of the end of WW1. It has since evolved to having a more general focus of promoting ideas of peace and friendship amongst nations and spreading an ecological message through the planting of trees as a symbol of peace and remembrance with respect to nature. Because all actions contrary to understanding between nations and the misuse of natural resources lead to great sacrifices. The Tree of Peace is a European, international and strictly apolitical project.
2. **The World Peace Bell Association** is a Japanese organization that seeks to raise awareness of the world peace movement by casting and installing Japanese temple bells in locations around the world. The main goal of the association is to abolish the war, which is the greatest misfortune and guilt of humanity in the world, beyond politics, religion, thought, philosophy and racial issues with an appeal to the abolition of nuclear weapons. The association was founded with the aim of carrying out international exchanges, deepening mutual understanding with other countries of the world, expanding knowledge and culture, and widening the circle of world peace by kindness.

### Article II

With the intention of implementing the goals of this Memorandum, the Parties have generally agreed to co-operate with each other (subject to further details to be elaborated at a later date) in the following areas:

- Mutual recognition of work regarding peace efforts both Parties of the Memorandum,
- Promotion of the peace movement at the domestic and international level,
- Support for activities related to the cessation of senseless wars,
- Nature and environmental protection,
- Support for activities aimed at friendship and understanding between nations,

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- Informing the general public in their countries about the activities of the partner.

### **Article III**

The Parties have agreed to mutually develop forms of cooperation, concerning the development and maintenance of peace to the extent of their own possibilities and in the form that is most acceptable for the Parties.

### **Article IV**

The Parties have agreed to mutually develop forms of cooperation on the basis of possible opportunities. Signing the Memorandum does not mean that the Parties have to work together on all their projects. Rather, the Memorandum opens up opportunities for future common cooperation, as both Parties have common goals.

### **Article V**

The Parties are authorized to execute amendments and changes to this Memorandum that are effective after the written approval by both Parties of the pertinent protocol or memorandum.

### **Article VI**

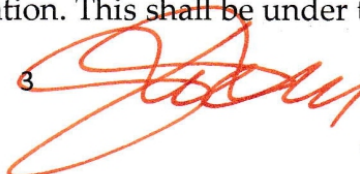

The Parties have agreed that they shall endeavour to settle any discrepancies that may occur in the course of fulfilment of this Memorandum amicably, and to as far as possible avoid any court action.

### **Article VII**

The cost and expenses to be paid in relation to any co-operation or collaboration envisaged under this Memorandum shall be subject to further detail arrangements to be agreed as and when it shall arise between the Parties.

### **Article VIII**

This Memorandum enters into validity on the day of its signing by the statutory representatives of the Parties and will be effective on the day following its release to the websites of both Parties. It shall be effective for a period of 5 (five) years and its validity is automatically prolonged every five years if neither of the Parties informs the other Party in writing of its intention to withdraw from this Memorandum not later than 6 (six) months before its expiration. This shall be under the prequalification

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that all existing undertakings incorporated in the terms and conditions of this Memorandum shall be fulfilled. Any party to this Memorandum shall be entitled to terminate this Memorandum at any time without reason by giving 6 (six) months' notice in writing to the other Party.

The following persons are responsible for fulfilment of this Memorandum:

On behalf of the SeM: Mr. Marek Sobola, CEO

On behalf of the WPBA: Mr. Katsumi Sato, Chairman

This Memorandum is executed in four copies, 02 (two) in English and 02 (two) in Japanese language. Each Party shall obtain two copies, 01 (one) in English and 01 (one) in Japanese language. All four copies have the validity of the original.

Žilina, Slovakia on: ..... *July 2* ....., 2021

Tokyo, Japan on: 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2021



On behalf of the SeM: ..... *[Signature]* .....

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On behalf of the WPBA: .....  
Katsumi Sato, Chairman