

ATHENS ANTI-WAR DECLARATION

The deleterious Mental Health consequences of human-made disasters are well-known and humanity stands witness to their catastrophic impact.

War is the worst of human-made disasters and has tragic and unacceptable consequences on the mental health of its victims. The catastrophic impact of war on mental health is longitudinal, transgenerational, and amplified by refugee crises both in countries of origin and elsewhere.

According to the WHO (2004) mental health promotion should include efforts for Peace, in view of the well-established mental health consequences of war conflicts. It is therefore within the rights and obligations of the international mental health community represented by the various organizations that express its views to address this issue and call for :

1. Termination of war conflicts, wherever they occur
2. Psychological and material support to the victims of war conflicts : refugees, internally displaced persons, asylum seekers, immigrants, psychologically affected or incapacitated persons and any other category of people whose mental health is at risk or who have been damaged by war
3. Psychosocial and humanitarian material support to the citizens of the host countries whose mental health systems are extremely challenged by the consequences of war conflicts
4. Call for urgent and coordinated action to attain the above goals

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Endorsing Organizations:

1. ADHD Hellas
2. Advocacy Group for the Mentally Ill (Cyprus)
3. Albanian Psychiatric Association
4. Association Francaise de Psychiatrie
5. Association of Mental Health in Portuguese Language (ASMELP)
6. Association of Siblings of Persons with Mental Health Problems (KINAPSI)
7. Barbados Association of Psychiatrists
8. Cyprus Psychiatric Association
9. Ecuadorian Association of Psychiatry
10. Egyptian Association for Mental Health
11. Egyptian Psychiatric Association
12. Estonian Psychiatric Association
13. Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences, Auckland University of Technology
14. Foundation Contener (Argentina)
15. Gamian Europe
16. German Academy for Psychoanalysis
17. Hellenic-American Psychiatric Association

18. Hellenic Center for Mental Health and Research
19. Hellenic Psychiatric Association
20. Icelandic Psychiatric Association
21. Initiative for Mental Health Awareness Inc.
22. Institute of Mental Health, Belgrade
23. International Association of Medical Colleges (IAOMC)
24. International College of Person-centered Medicine (ICPCM)
25. International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)
26. International Federation of Telephone Emergency Services (IFOTES)
27. Iraqi Society of Psychiatrists
28. Lebanese Psychiatric Society
29. Lithuanian Psychiatric Association
30. Medical Psychologic Society (France)
31. Mental Health America
32. National Institute for Public Health and Mental Health Research, Auckland University of Technology
33. Observatoire Francophone de Medecine de la Personne
34. Palestinian Center for Growth and Human Development
35. Panhellenic Medical Association
36. Philippine Psychiatric Association
37. Portuguese Society of Psychiatry and Mental Health
38. Psychiatric Association for Eastern Europe and the Balkans
39. Psychiatric Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina
40. Psychiatric Association of Turkey
41. Psychiatric Department of the Hellenic Red Cross Hospital
42. Russian Society of Psychiatrists
43. Serbian Psychiatric Association
44. Slovak Psychiatric Association
45. Society of Preventive Psychiatry
46. South African Society of Psychiatrists
47. Spanish Association of Mental Health Professionals
48. Spanish Society of Psychiatry
49. Syrian Association for Mental Health
50. The Metropolitan Association of Psychiatry, Buenos Aires
51. The Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health
52. Turkish Neuropsychiatric Society
53. UNESCO Hellas
54. University of Athens, Department of Psychology
55. University of Athens, 1st Department of Psychiatry
56. University of Ioannina, Department of Psychiatry
57. University of Thessaloniki (Aristotle), 3rd Department of Psychiatry
58. University of Thessaly, Department of Psychiatry
59. University of Thrace (Democritus) Medical School, Department of Psychiatry
60. World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry
61. World Federation for Mental Health
62. World Psychiatric Association
63. WPA Section on Art and Psychiatry
64. WPA Section on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
65. WPA Section on Classification, Diagnostic Assessment and Nomenclature
66. WPA Section on Disaster Psychiatry
67. WPA Section on Eating Disorders
68. WPA Section on Education in Psychiatry
69. WPA Section on Evidence Based Psychiatry
70. WPA Section on Exercise, Psychiatry and Sports
71. WPA Section on Family Research and Intervention

72. WPA Section on Forensic Psychiatry
73. WPA Section on Genetics in Psychiatry
74. WPA Section on HIV/AIDS Psychiatry
75. WPA Section on Immunology and Psychiatry
76. WPA Section on Interdisciplinary Collaboration
77. WPA Section on Literature and Mental Health
78. WPA Section on Mass Media and Mental Health
79. WPA Section on Mental Health Economics
80. WPA Section on Military Psychiatry
81. WPA Section on Occupational Psychiatry
82. WPA Section on Old Age Psychiatry
83. WPA Section on Perinatal Psychiatry and Infant Mental Health
84. WPA Section on Personality Disorders
85. WPA Section on Pharmacopsychiatry
86. WPA Section on Preventive Psychiatry
87. WPA Section on Psychiatric Electrophysiology
88. WPA Section on Psychiatric Rehabilitation
89. WPA Section on Psychiatry and Human Sexuality
90. WPA Section on Psychiatry and Sleep Wakefulness Disorders
91. WPA Section on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics
92. WPA Section on Psychiatry, Medicine and Primary Care
93. WPA Section on Psychiatry in Developing Countries
94. WPA Section on Psychiatry in Private Practice
95. WPA Section on Psychoanalysis in Psychiatry
96. WPA Section on Psychological Consequences of Torture and Persecution
97. WPA Section on Psychoneurobiology
98. WPA Section on Psycho-oncology and Palliative Care
99. WPA Section on Psychotherapy
100. WPA Section on Public Policy and Psychiatry
101. WPA Section on Rural Mental Health
102. WPA Section on Stress Research
103. WPA Section on Suicidology
104. WPA Section on Urban Mental Health
105. WPA Section on Women's Mental Health

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