Declaration Against Race and Racial Prejudice

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The Seattle Latino Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce following United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), declaration against race and racial Prejudice formulated in Paris, France at its twentieth session.

Invites all Businesses and all people of every diversity and minority to join and express public indignation:

I. At the denial of the democratic principles of the dignity, equality and mutual respect of men, and by the propagation, in their place, through ignorance and prejudice, of the doctrine of the inequality of men and races.

II. At offences against human dignity, deploiring the obstacles they place in the way of mutual understanding between peoples and alarmed at the danger of their seriously disturbing peace and security.

Following UNESCO’S Declaration on Race and Racial Prejudice we stand united and solemnly proclaims and reiterate that:

1. All human beings belong to a single species and are descended from a common stock. They are born equal in dignity and rights and all form an integral part of humanity.

2. All individuals and groups have the right to be different, to consider themselves as different and to be regarded as such. However, the diversity of life styles and the right to be different may not, in any circumstances, serve as a pretext for racial prejudice; they may not justify either in law or in fact any discriminatory practice whatsoever.

3. All peoples of the world possess equal faculties for attaining the highest level in intellectual, technical, social, economic, cultural and political development.

4. Any theory which involves the claim that racial or ethnic groups are inherently superior or inferior, thus implying that some would be entitled to dominate or eliminate others, presumed to be inferior, or which bases value judgments on racial differentiation, has no scientific foundation and is contrary to the moral and ethical principles of humanity.

5. So far as its competence extends and in accordance with its constitutional principles and procedures, the -State should take all appropriate steps, inter alias by legislation, particularly in the spheres of education, culture and communication, to prevent, prohibit and eradicate racism, racist propaganda, racial segregation and apartheid and to encourage the dissemination of knowledge and the findings of appropriate research in natural and social sciences on the causes and prevention of racial prejudice and racist attitudes, with due regard to the principles embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.