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## FORMER PM JP RAFFARIN FOUNDS LEADERS FOR PEACE TO SERVE WISDOM FOR PEACE

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Eventually, Leaders for Peace should function as a "Club of Rome" (Think Tank), a "flexible and light proposal workshop" for executives often trapped in "heavy administrative machinery," he said. -----

The NGO will initially work on three emerging crises: the situation on the Tunisian-Libyan border, which has a direct security impact on Europe, Mexico where a crime international has been formed at the doors of the United States. United and the problematic of climate and Asia.vlt will hold a first conference focused on these topics on May 14 and 15 in Paris and will publish each year a report presenting "some tracks for a reactive diplomacy", added Jean-Pierre Raffarin.

"Threats are proliferating, tensions are spreading, conflicts are increasing, forces and their forms are changing, alliances and methods are moving, yet a constancy is taking root: the risks are getting worse. The great powers are at war, often in third countries, but live in peace. We are fighting against everything ..., unemployment, climate, pollution, corruption and ... even violence! The trivialization of the word blurs the measure of its reality, its tragic reality. "Explains Jean Pierre Raffarin, former French Prime Minister and founder of the NGO" Leaders For Peace "gathering-----

First French former PM, Minister, Jean Pierre Raffarin, then explained the need to anticipate the multiple crises, by the prayer of conscience."In multiple crises we fiercely oppose our emotion, but we do not mobilize our reason, we get used to it, then we let ourselves be surprised again." Our ability to anticipate remains weak.-----

Thus it appeared to us that the source of all jolts was the awareness of public opinion of the gravity of the state of the world.

The consciousness of war is the prerequisite of the spirit of peace. Young people, in particular, must be alerted to their necessary vigilance, particularly on the new interweaving of our societies and on the direct links that are unfolding today between international and domestic situations. "A adds Jean Pierre Raffarin, former Prime Minister French

As Ambassador Pierre Vimont shows, in the 2018 general report "Leaders for Peace", the weakness lies less in the analyzes than in the efficiency. Our methods are little renewed, our answers are concentrated on the immediate and often avoid thinking in depth. The triggering of an action, a process, counts more than its results."-----

It is now necessary to innovate in the understanding of things, in the management of emerging crises and in the diplomatic process to integrate new responses.-----

For example, we measure the ambiguity of the use of sanctions in the scale of the international balance of power. The dialogue in the disagreement must be regenerated. The goal is not the radicalization of the opponent.

1 The extension of bilateral procedures weakens the achievements of multilateralism. Manichaeism and complexity are progressing on the weaknesses of multilateral institutions, which show the need for reforms.

These findings are at the origin of the creation of our NGO, "Leaders for Peace".

Indeed, we felt it necessary to take a collective approach based on three ambitions:

- to promote awareness of the gravity of the world through public education of crises
- promote innovative approaches to renew thinking and methods of peace
- choose a strategy of influence with international actors

To do this we met with 25 personalities with both the experience of international relations but also the knowledge of public opinion to carry this project. Everyone thus enjoys a great personal freedom and a sincere attachment to the virtues of dialogue. Respect for diversity is one of our common principles. We will not underestimate any reconciliation.

We do not pretend to resolve conflicts, we do not have the arrogance to think that our experience is superior, we seek, together, new paths for peace.-----

Our logic is not eventful but contributive. Every year we will publish a report and we will popularize its content. The spirit of peace we want to promote is neither a utopia nor a resignation. Our experience taught us lucidity but also resistance. We reject the spirit of Munich as we reject the dreams of Pacifism.-----

In this world where information is supposed to reign, has peace been sufficiently worked? The thought, today, on this subject, seems late to us. We are looking for innovative ideas, close to reality, our reflection will always be, as is the case in this report - attached to emerging real crises. This year, the climate issue in Asia, the Tunisian-Libyan and American-Mexican borders are the laboratories of our reflections. Everywhere we will seek to deepen analysis through openness and dialogue.

2 Because we know, because we see, that peace never settles by itself, we join Montesquieu's idea of "peace effort" "We call peace, this effort of all against all". The effort begins with resistance to the spirit of war, but we must go beyond it. This ambition is our project. The balance of the world will always be unstable, the future of peace will depend only on the efforts that we will be able to do for it. "Concluded the former Prime Minister, Jean-Pierre Raffarin

#### THE NGO LEADERS FOR PEACE AIMS TO SREV PEACE UNDER WISDOM POLITICAL APPROACH-----

Leaders for Peace (LPP), IS a non-governmental organization bringing together 25 top international leaders. LPP's primary vocation is to offer political wisdom in the service of peace, by raising awareness of the gravity of the world through public crisis education, by promoting innovative approaches to renew the thinking and methods of peace and by developing a strategy of influence with international actors. During this first founding meeting of May 14 and 15, Ambassador Pierre Vimont will present to the council of leaders who will adopt it, the first report of the NGO.-----

The 2018 report will highlight the following crises as well as the alert and prevention methodology developed by Leaders for Peace, debating the following topics and issues, especially the "Dangerous borders" [?], regarding "Tunisia/Lybia" [?], the question of borders will be tackled on how to overcome the dangers of the region. As far as Mexico / United States borders are concerned, the issue shall be discussed on how to go beyond a dialogue of the deaf. Another crucial topic that is in the heart of "Peace and Climate" [?], shall be "The climate crisis in Asia and its stakes on peace: activating the peaceful specificity" [?].

The event, shall be held as follows

Monday, May 14th:

Working meetings at the Quai d'Orsay. Adoption of the report in the presence of Leaders.

Lunch in the presence of the Board of Leaders and several personalities including the Secretary of State to the Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne Hubert Vedrine, Mr. Laurent Fabius former Prime Minister, Mr. Hubert Vedrine former Minister

of Foreign Affairs .  
Official dinner in the Senate in the presence of the President Mr. Gérard Larcher  
Tuesday, May 15:  
Media session and debate at the Quai d'Orsay with Sciences Po students  
Lunch and end of the conference

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