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Statement on the occasion of the International Day of Peace

We do not need to reach far back in terms of time or evocative power to recall the reasons which led to the European Union being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The constant effort on the part of the European Union for Peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights, was and still is a distinctive feature of the community of European peoples. This social-political responsibility has a profound value as part of the action implemented by the European Union - through all its representatives - for justice, freedom, dialogue, equality and cooperation among peoples. By the same token, the role of Europe at the international level in terms of defence, peoples' freedom and continuous democratic progress has continued, countering violence with the strength of peaceful discussion and acknowledging the priority value of human liberty and human dignity.

On the occasion of the Day of Peace, CALRE considers it fundamental to reiterate the following points:

1. A peace-making process, from a social policy standpoint, should focus on the men and women who constitute the many European communities, who enable a lively public spirit in the populations and represent the driver behind global civilization which - through its multiple facets - reaches and supports common growth. It is exactly with this political and social intent to research and develop new forms of public involvement that the action of the European communities, which we are called upon to represent in various forms, should become committed to a globalising involvement of all stakeholders who – with their constant presence contribute to promoting social equality as well as supporting the peace-making process.

2. A new approach to social cohesion to which the European Union is called upon to contribute, in the same spirit with which its strength was acknowledged as an instrument for Peace in the continent and worldwide. Most importantly, this is a grass-roots commitment: it starts from those associations, organisations and movements which at the same time accept, condensate and



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express - by amplifying it on the public political arena - the resonance of the democratic spirit which underlies European cooperation.

3. A sign of global civilization that the need for European communities to become bearers of a message of peace becomes clear, a message which needs to focus on human beings as citizens and as a sign of Peace. Peace not just among peoples, but rather as a more deeply rooted, more direct peace: a peace of European citizens who actively contribute to safeguarding democracy, human rights and social welfare.

4. This community spirit should remain alive among the peoples of Europe, in order to promote the legacy of the founding fathers of our Union, to reap the fruits of the efforts made in the final years of the last century after conflicts which ravaged the continent; it should be aware of the need to work together for social and economic stability in Europe, thus offering our children a Continent which enhances merit, gives value to cooperation and integration, fosters the global relevance of civil societies. Our Europe needs to be a living instrument of Peace, safeguarding and giving dignity to Peoples and Communities in Europe an internationally: a Peaceful Europe which leaves nobody behind.