

DECLARATION

**At the International Scientific Conference
“New World-New Reality?” (March 25–27, 2022)
on The Development of Science Diplomacy
and The Recognition of Science As
Independent, Unconstrained and Universal**

The Conference attended by scientists representing various branches of science and different countries, dwelled at length on several aspects of the present status of Scientific Diplomacy and its role in exploring solutions to present day problems being faced globally.

The learned participants also took note of the challenges being faced by the scientific fraternity due to narrow political interference by the States. A serious note was taken on the reported denial of participation in this Conference to very senior scientists by their respective Governments, as the event was organized by Russian Political Science Journal, in the wake of the current geopolitical situation. The participants of the Conference considered that the discrediting of scientists, scientific organizations and scientific journals on the basis of citizenship and State affiliation is unacceptable and harms the development of Science.

It was stressed that Science belongs to the whole planet and its inhabitants irrespective of their race, color, nationality, language or social status. For example, the Law of Gravitation is equal for everyone, just like the formula of water H_2O is permanent and does not change depending on the State; people being equal before Nature, in which we all live and which we must preserve.

Recent experience with COVID-19 pandemic has already made it very clear that problems of global dimensions cannot be handled by any country alone; and mutual cooperation is essential among nations to find solutions. This has been especially exemplified by the development, production and sharing of vaccines to save precious lives from the deadly effects of the pandemic.

It was noted that limiting the avenues of cooperation between scientists may

lead to the expansion of conflicts, push States to escalate them, and create preconditions for a global conflict. Such global conflicts involving States can lead to irreversible consequences and even to the extinction of whole human civilization.

This is partly why scientists should build trust between countries, help resolve conflicts, improve communications, and help politicians in their task. The principles of “*Science for Politics*” and “*Politics for Science*” should work equally and effectively in both directions.

Based on above background and the discussions held during three days of the Conference, we, the participants of Conference, declare following resolutions:

1. We strongly reiterate that Science has no nationality or citizenship. Its theories, laws and products have universal applicability and utility without any discrimination, political bias, and coloration. On the same basis, the scientists cannot be discriminated against, based on their country of origin, race or color.

2. We, the Scientists, understand our important role as well as responsibility in finding solutions to global challenges. Hence, we urge the international community of researchers to adhere to the principles of openness and trust by building constructive models of interaction and partner research, following ethical principles of global Science.

3. We oppose the politicization of Science; any kind of interference in research or dissemination of knowledge; and hostility and segregation of countries in the

field of Science. We seek the support of respective Governments in facilitating scientific interactions and partnerships.

4. We demand inclusion of diplomatic approach for building scientific cooperation; the objectivity and transparency of scientific knowledge; and the principles of its equal dissemination as the fundamental foundations of Scientific Diplomacy in the context of all spheres of human activity.

5. The rapid development of digital technologies gives scientists new opportunities, but also requires a responsible approach for the future of human civilization. Therefore, we made a proposal to a wide range of researchers to jointly discuss the idea of adopting an international declaration on the principles and ethics of handling artificial intelligence.

6. We believe that any attempt to disturb the unity among the global scientific community can lead to the disabling of a set of Scientific Diplomacy tools and “freezing” of fundamentally important projects and agreements in force for many years. This may not only cause scientific and technological regression but also upset the cooperation and interaction established over several decades; thereby causing an irreparable damage to scientific and intellectual development of mankind.

7. The key mission of this Conference has been strengthening the functioning

of Scientific Diplomacy tools and providing a platform to researchers of various nationalities to prepare and publish joint articles that would be beneficial to the whole scientific fraternity and humanity.

8. We, the Scientists, pledge to keep working together on projects of global importance without being influenced by political interference or hostility to any group of scientists. Our efforts would be for the benefit of mankind, irrespective of any national, racial, cultural, or ethnic differences; without dividing the scientific fraternity into friends and foes.

9. We support the resolution of the UN General Assembly to hold in 2022 the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD 2022). We share the opinion that strengthening the importance of fundamental Sciences is becoming increasingly vital for achieving sustainable development and improving the quality of life of people around the world. This will raise awareness about the importance, apolitical nature and achievements of Science among politicians, business, industry, international organizations, charitable foundations, universities, teachers and students, the media and the general public.

10. We also urge the UN and UNESCO to protect in every possible way the rights and interests of scientists from all countries of our common world.

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