

Human Dignity Through “Peace at Home, Peace in the World”

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The last decades saw drastic changes in global relationships. As any other country, Turkey is deeply affected by them. More and more people become aware that global cooperation is needed to create a future for humanity that is sustainable and provides quality of life to everybody. Turkey has a lot to offer. Turkish values place strong emphasis on the integrity of the family, loyalty to our community, hospitality, compassion, collaboration (imece), fairness, and respect for all human beings. These Turkish values are at the core of the notion of dignity, and dignity is at the core of human rights ideals. Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) reads: “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.” In this context, humiliation means the violation of human rights ideals, the violation of everybody’s right to be treated as equal in dignity. “Peace at home, peace in the world,” is a Turkish motto that encapsulates the message of dignity.