



LE CERCLE DE REFLEXION DES NATIONS

(On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its inauguration at the United Nations)

A quarter of a century ago, in the heat of a summer in New York, came out a gut of the United Nations, a new dove of peace, called "Cercle de Réflexion," One more, they would say. Yes but very special.

Starting with the strange journey that led to his birth.

I - A new dove of Peace

1. His birth

A dove or rather her spirit. A rustle of wings in the early morning, hardly noticeable. An unnamed dove perched gently on the heart and began to tap the heart of those who lived the war and longed for peace at a time when the world was shaken by the fall of the Berlin Wall. A mission of the Minister of Education of Viet Nam started this spirit: a mission to UNESCO in Paris, searching for the possibility of the mutual recognition of Vietnamese superior diplomas with other countries around world because Viet Nam had signed six Regional Conventions towards this direction.

The mutual recognition of higher degrees on the planet involves peace, a reconciliation of the intellectuals in the world. The path was outlined. It was necessary to elevate this cause to the supreme body of Peace: The United Nations in New York. For his baptism, this dove was called «Cercle de Réflexion ». Thus, the Cercle de Réflexion was inaugurated on July 25, 1994 in the presence of the Director of Political Affairs of the United Nations, the UNDP, UNESCO, the

World Bank, the Wall Street Journal and the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations. The event was filmed by the UN television.

The matter of diplomas equivalence was presented but above all it was decided that the ‘‘Cercle de Réflexion’’ would be an open platform, a meeting place for all Member States and Observers of the United Nations who wish to reflect and participate in the implementation of innovative and original solutions likely in order to build and strengthen peace in the world. It was agreed that this new organization must obtain a structure and would have its members, as Member States of the United Nations.



The United Nations was consistent with this creation. Indeed, Article 52 of its Charter authorizes and encourages its Member States to join regional bodies to settle all cases related to peace. No provision of its Charter prohibits its Member States from participating in several regional organizations or from seeing them instantly gather in one. This explains why all Secretaries General expressed their "wishes for success" to the innovations of peace proposed by the Cercle de Réflexion. What makes characteristic of this young dove is his imagination to create a new mechanism for peace, justifying his existence beside the United Nations. It is really particular.

2. His plumage

2.1 Its color is white, without artifice. When you look closely, this white is slightly bluish. This is normal because the United Nations so distinctive blue flag reflected on it. It was born there after 4 years of gestation. It hovered high on this small territory and scrutinized down the 1st Avenue in New York, finally landed on the knotted gun, a famous sculpture sitting at the visitor's plaza of the United Nations.

2.2 Born on an international territory, this dove had at the same time 194 nationalities constituting the Member States and Observers of the United Nations. It is here, at the highest symbol and myth of peace, the dove, with the face of all nations, would definitely take off.



2.3- Its name has also evolved over time while keeping the root "Cercle de Réflexion" of origin. The "Circle" a perfect image opens to infinity in the same perfection, a reflective and growing circle of thought for universal peace. Because of his birth at the United Nations, he was called "United Nations Cercle de Réflexion" (UNCR) for 15 years, then in 2009 the Cercle de Réflexion of Nations and has retained the name to this day.

3. His heart

3.1 It is not a dove but the man who has been chosen for the logo of the Cercle de Réflexion, which includes the following symbols: the circle (the universe), the square (the earth) and the man (open arms to protect/ or embrace the universe). The standing man links earth and skies and is restored to his dignity and integrity. In this symbolism also refers to the "shì" and the Chinese character. The Circle links a willing and great ability person who are scholars, sages, thinkers and directors. The leaders(idea leaders) of all countries (nations) and gathering (circle) to protect the survival of the earth and human life against any kind of destruction (war, etc.).

3.2 Its internal mechanism is new and described in the Charter which is adopted on 25 June, 2008 at the United Nations. As decided at its inauguration, all UN Member States and Observers are ex-officio members of the Cercle de Réflexion, each with one vote. But particularly active states are given double voting rights. To date, 12 states enjoy this special status. All states can express

themselves at the General Assembly and the various Committees and take the major decisions that should be executed by a Council of Organization composing of 5 members acting by a majority. Sixty-five states (including four of the five members of the UN Security Council) have participated into the activities of the Cercle de Réflexion on several occasions. This might make it considered as an Intergovernmental organization.

3.3 The Heart is the center of all concerns. It is here this young dove will act. Heart, the peace receptor, the powerful machine to love, to forgive and to show compassion. Focus on the heart to extract the nectar. Hence this certainty:

"Peace is innate in the heart of men,

It is from the heart of men that peace must blossom. "

II - Innovative Actions for Peace

It's the Heart, the target. From it, come back to it and never leave it: close the loop, a perfect circle. Understand your language. Solely the heart can see.

The young dove then can act on knowing its origin and its destination. Accompanying the United Nations, he will propose totally the new actions that will build his personality.

1. The hospital ship "L'Humanité I".

Compassion was the source of this project when seeing the dreadful spectacle of bloody wounded people, lying on the ground in the corridors of an overloaded hospital in Sarajevo in 1994 when Circle of Reflection had just been inaugurated and his heart began to beat.

He proposed then to put in service the hospital ship "L'Humanité I" to provide care free of charge to the sick and the wounded civil and military, wherever the UN intervenes around the world.

Between 1997 and 2011, 5 commissions on this issue were held at the United Nations, with the participation of more than 40 countries, defining the ship's security measures and the configuration of its hospital. For this, 5 governments have appointed military experts and contacts have been made with the US Navy and SUNY Maritime College of New York.

Negotiations with the United Nations came to a standstill because the United Nations didn't operate any fleet and did not have intention of engaging in fields that they have no experiences.

It is heartbreaking to see that at the beginning of the twenty-first century, there is no hospital ship of this kind to assist suffering humanity. The young dove shares this grief with the victims by the natural voice of heart: a ship carries a red cross sign for peace.

The idea of forming leaders for peace is an extension of this compassion that gave birth to UNCR University with the formation of Leaders Without Borders Program.

2. Peace Training (UNCR University)

Leaders for Peace, men and women of heart serving Peace. But above, all leaders, the models capable of leading others towards this noble goal, through the realization of a concrete projects for peace. "Locomotives" for Peace. Knowledgeable the language of the heart because it is from there that peace will finally come.

2.1 The Doctorate in Peace Administration

The doctoral program was developed in 2000 and presented to the United Nations in 2002. Six commissions were held at the United Nations with the participation of more than 40 countries to select about fifty PhD candidates who were trained on the internet as well as through various seminars in France, the USA and Morocco. Eleven Doctorate Honoris Causa were awarded to senior United Nations officials and Heads of State. Today, this training continues through inter-university co-tuelles.



The selected PhD candidates must demonstrate exceptional moral qualities and exemplary behavior. They must realize a concrete project of peace in their own countries. For example, the University Institute of Researches on Alterities in France or the Joking Relationship established in Burkina Faso and 6 neighboring countries.

2.2 The PhD in International Governance and Sustainable Development

This high-level training is intended for top leaders in service (Prime Minister, Minister, Secretary of State as well as heads of large companies). An Accreditation was signed with UNITAR in 2005, which is the United Nations body that trains the diplomats and leaders for peace. In March of the following year, the program was successfully introduced at the United Nations in the presence of twenty countries.

This program is designed to help the leaders to solve the difficulties in their tasks by seeking a peaceful solutions, so that peace is always the focus of daily work of governance. There are about twenty applications for this program.



2.3 The duties of the man

The idea was to define duties to overcome the violation of human rights. The way of a Universal Declaration of the Duties of Man has been explored at the United Nations through two commissions in 2009 and 2016 to come up with a draft text inspired by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

The consultation with some Member States on this project was stalled due to the diversity of culture, beliefs and tradition of each country that prevents it from drafting a common universal text applicable for all. Therefore, the duties of the man must be defined in that country and determined through its educational network.

The only universal declaration accepted by the majority of Member States is the manifestation of the Duty of Man from Cercle de Réflexion made at the UN in 2006, stating that:

"The Earth is the first heritage of Humanity

To protect her is the first Duty of Man. "

3. The Heart's Door

Since its creation, the Circle of Réflexion has participated into many conferences for peace, supported various actions like the Peace Gate and the Cyclos of Peace (Viet Nam), the interreligious meetings (Morocco and Switzerland), the World Week for Peace (France) and the inauguration of the City of Brittany (China) which will be a "City of Peace", mixing cultures and innovations.

A Think Tank for global peace, established with spirituality and love, is the center of the Cercle de Réflexion to open the door of heart. With the wish to change a model of selfish person, obsessed by competition to an altruistic, sharing and cooperative one of tolerance and compassion. A solid man.

Twenty-five years passed like a blink of an eye. A few more flaps of wings, here the dove, high in the sky, with an open heart open, embraces all people and nations.

