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« Thank you for joining us today, for the third edition of the Kofi Annan Geneva Peace Address. The State of Geneva, as well as the City of Geneva, are proud to support it. This year's Address marks the fifth anniversary of Kofi Annan's passing.

It also marks the tenth anniversary of the Geneva Peace Week, another milestone that reminds us of the significance of this event and the importance of our shared commitment to dialogue and peace.

Geneva, traditionally known as the "city of peace", has always played a role as a sanctuary where people can find refuge.

As a neutral hub for multilateralism, home to diplomatic summits, peace negotiations, and discreet mediation efforts, it stands as a symbol of hope and unity.

In a world where international tensions are on the rise, and solutions to conflicts remain elusive, we find ourselves at a critical juncture.

Nationalist agendas threaten international cooperation, and the need for mutual understanding has never been greater. Today, we come together to shed light on peace and provide a platform for those who work tirelessly to build it, day after day.

Geneva, with its rich history of diplomacy and humanitarian action, is the perfect backdrop for this important conversation. It is within the walls of this city that the modern humanitarian movement took root and that the first global international organization in charge of peace was established.

The International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Nations led the way. They were later joined by countless organizations .

Since then, Geneva has become a beacon of solidarity, international cooperation, and the rule of law. It is indeed through these principles that we can create a world where peace and justice prevail.

However, the challenges we face are immense. But so is our potential to overcome them. We must not succumb to fear or division. Instead, let us find strength in unity and collaboration.

More than ever before in human history, we share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together.

Today, we have again an opportunity to embrace the spirit of Geneva, unite our voices, amplify the message of peace, and build bridges of understanding across borders.

By doing so, we honor the legacy of Kofi Annan and reaffirm our commitment to a world where every individual can live a life of dignity and security.

In closing, let us remember that peace is not a destination; it is a journey that requires constant attention and dedication.

Let us continue to build upon the foundation laid by Kofi Annan and work towards a world where peace is not just a dream, but a reality for every member of the human family.

Thank you for your attention, and may this year's Geneva Peace Address serves as a catalyst for change, a call to action, and a source of inspiration for all of us. »

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