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Working Group Ministers of Family, the Socials Affairs, Women and Youth Report

Activities started with an introduction to the theme and objectives of the Panel.

The debate themes were about:

1) Family: School of Love and of Peace - 4 Large Spheres of Heart and Great 4 types of love for a Heavenly Africa.
2) The promotion of Family Values for Peace, Reconciliation and Sustainable Development: socio-economic impact and role of governments;
3) The Festival of Renewal of Familles for Peace.

The aim is to engage participants in a debate on the key concept of the family, the challenges it faces, and the values on which it is based in the perspective of seeking Peace and Economic and Social Development.

Very rich debates took place on these different themes.

The participants first exchanged their views on the concept of family and the functions assigned to it. It thus appears that the family can be considered as a community of people, united by a family relationship and between which there is a bond of solidarity. The functions of the family have been clarified. They are emotional, economic and social. It was emphasized that the family is influenced by cultural, moral and religious values and that it is itself a vehicle for the promotion of positive values, including that of peace. It also plays an important role in the economic and social development of societies.
Participants emphasized that the family serves as a framework for promoting solidarity among group members, be it relationships between spouses, parents and children, and parents and other members of the group of the community.

The link between family and the concept of marriage that is socially contextualized was also pointed out, as some participants wanted to precise

Finally, the many challenges facing the family today in a changing world it was also highlighted. These challenges include globalization, the development of new information and communication technologies (NICT), urbanization, and so on.

At the end of the discussions, recommendations were made.

**Recommendations**

Considering the special importance of the family and its role in promoting peace and economic and social development, participants made the following recommendations:

1. Ensure the promotion of gender equality at the center of family relationship;
2. Establish mechanisms for promoting positive values of peace and sustainable development among young people who are the heart of attention within families and society in general;
3. Develop work plans, by country, focused on family approach, clarifying concepts, as well as the protection programs to be implemented.

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