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Message to the 7th International Human Rights Education Conference

The international human rights education movement is to meet this year in Santiago de Chile to assess its past achievements and advance new strategic directions. Chile is the most appropriate host country for the 7th Conference. It is a country that has, in recent past, made a successful transition to democracy after the massive human rights abuses during the 17-year dictatorship. As a country it is a leader in human rights education and hosts a range of repositories and centres of learning to share its democratic achievements.



I commend Professor Myrna Villegas of the Center for Human Rights and the University of Chile School of Law for convening the Seventh International Conference on Human Rights Education "*Addressing the Challenges of the Civil Society*".

This important Conference will address a host of key themes associated with effective human rights education, its philosophy, pedagogy and curricula with a view to embed respect for human rights across the globe. Participation in this conference will allow students and academics alike, as well as members of the civic community, to share their views and to gain insights from their fellow participants.

This conference, being the seventh in a series that began in Sydney in 2010, will continue to encourage a forum for the exchange of ideas and information and facilitate open discussion and on Human Rights Education amongst participants. I encourage your active participation!

I trust that the conference will advance human rights protection to those who need it most.

My best wishes for another successful conference.

Con afecto y cariño saludo a a todos los activistas y educadores, esperando verlos en la Conferencia.

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