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INFORMATION LETTER

On September 21-22, 2014 the non-governmental Museum Named after Nicholas Roerich (Moscow) of the International Centre of the Roerichs will celebrate the International Day of Peace, adopted by the UN General Assembly.

The decision to celebrate the Day of Peace was made by the General Assembly of the UN in 1981. Since then it has been celebrated by the UN member-states. Its motto is: "Peoples' Right to Peace." Since 2002 the Day of Peace has been celebrated on September 21 as the day of ceasefire and renunciation of violence.

The problem of peace on our planet has been attracting the attention of the progressive part of mankind in all times. All masterpieces were created with the idea of peace. The best minds in the West and East have been trying to find ways to prevent war or at least minimize its scale and consequences. 20th century has been marked by particularly bloody World Wars. The beginning of the 21st century also saw large-scale armed conflicts.

This demonstrates the relevance of Nicholas Roerich's appeal: "Peace through Culture." This idea threads the entire legacy of Roerich, who was convinced that only following the highest ideals of Culture can lead to the peace and friendship between the peoples. "Where there is Culture, there is peace" – stated Roerich. Roerich stood for the elimination of all wars except one – that against ignorance. This is the significance of man's education and upbringing.

Proposing in 1930s to all nations the first in the history of mankind Treaty on the Protection of Artistic and Scientific Institutions and Historic Monuments later known as the Roerich Pact, he affirmed a new principle: "Peace through Culture" as a way to the greatest goal of entire mankind – the establishment of peace in the whole world.