



CDI Marrakech

World's largest political network highlights the need to foster human fraternity as an antidote to the intensifying clash of civilizations

“O people, your Lord is One, and your Father is One: all of you are from Adam, and Adam was from the earth. The noblest of you in God’s sight is he or she who is most fully conscious of God”

~ Muhammad bin Abdullah (saw.)

“Discrimination saying, ‘This one is a relative, that [other one] a stranger,’ is only for the small-minded. For the noble-minded, the whole world is a single family”

~ Maha Upanishad

MARRAKECH, Morocco, 13 April 2024 — Leaders of the world’s largest political network, Centrist Democrat International (CDI), have unanimously adopted a *Resolution on the urgent need to foster universal human fraternity in order to address multiple crises facing humanity*. The resolution cites “the re-emergence of religious conflict in the 1990s and post-9/11, as well as indications of an intensifying clash of civilizations, which threaten to unravel the rules-based international order established in the wake of the Second World War.”

The resolution was drafted by Indonesia’s largest Islamic political party, PKB, which was founded in 1998 by senior leaders of Nahdlatul Ulama, the world’s largest Muslim organization. It notes that “in 2022, Nahdlatul Ulama established the G20 Religion Forum (R20), in conjunction with Indonesia’s Presidency of the G20, in order to ‘help ensure that religion functions as a genuine and dynamic source of solutions, rather than problems, in the 21st century.’”

The CDI resolution also cites “The *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et spes)* adopted by the Second Vatican Council in 1965, which states: ‘A firm determination to respect other men and peoples and their dignity, as well as the studied practice of brotherhood, are absolutely necessary for the establishment of peace.’”

Centrist Democrat leaders gathered in Marrakech from 12 – 14 April 2024 at the invitation of Istiqlal, a CDI member party that serves in Morocco’s governing coalition. The CDI Executive Committee meeting and General Assembly was held amidst intense fighting in the Ukraine and the Gaza Strip, as well as rising chaos in the Occupied West Bank and Iran’s launch of an airborne attack upon the State of Israel.

“Noting with appreciation that Christian Democracy emerged in the 19th century from a long tradition of Christian Humanism, including Catholic and Protestant social teachings that seek to foster social justice and the welfare of society as a whole,” the resolution begins by:

Affirming the noble aspirations and purpose of the Charter of the United Nations, as expressed in its Preamble:

“We the peoples of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small”;

Recalling that Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood”;

Recognizing that the spirit of fraternity has constituted one of the noblest values embraced by humanity since ancient times, and lies at the heart of innumerable cultures and religions;

Acknowledging that the spirit of fraternity may be restricted to members of one’s own ethnic, religious, or other identity group, or extend to encompass all of humanity and creation at large;

Aware that the primordial cycle of hatred, tyranny, and violence that has plagued humanity since the dawn of history — including the evils and devastation associated with war — arises from a lack of fraternity and/or a narrow “tribal” definition thereof;

Noting with deep concern that scientific developments in the fields of artificial intelligence and military technology, as well as urbanization and the interconnected nature of the global economy and food supply, threaten to produce human suffering on an unprecedented scale, if humanity fails to develop and embrace a spirit of universal fraternity;

Convinced of the urgent need to identify shared values and establish reciprocity among the world’s diverse peoples, cultures, and religions, by treating one another in accordance with the highest moral standards embraced by our respective traditions, including universal human fraternity...

The CDI:

Urges CDI member parties and governments to nurture the spirit of universal human fraternity, both domestically and internationally, through the diverse governmental and civil society mechanisms available to them.

Centrist Democrat International’s *Resolution on the urgent need to foster universal human fraternity in order to address multiple crises facing humanity* constitutes a further step in Nahdlatul Ulama/PKB efforts to restore *rahmah* (universal love and compassion) as a primary message of Islam, while preserving and strengthening a rules-based international order through the Movement for Shared Civilizational Values.

The resolution also acknowledged a new dynamic emerging in the Middle East and North Africa, in which Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates have begun to cooperate — and at times compete — in promoting a pluralistic and tolerant understanding of Islam on the world stage.

Among other resolutions approved by the CDI General Assembly in Marrakech was a document submitted by the Istiqlal Party titled *Resolution on redefining a new form of cooperation between North and South countries in order to foster international peace, security and prosperity*.

[Read the complete text](#) of CDI's *Resolution on the urgent need to foster universal human fraternity in order to address multiple crises facing humanity* and the *Resolution on redefining a new form of cooperation between North and South countries in order to foster international peace, security and prosperity*.