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Presentation Summaries

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Fostering Responsible Leadership through Education for a Peaceful Future

Exploring values-based leadership rooted in character, compassion, and moral clarity to bridge divides and heal wounds.

Dr. Aicha Bacha, European Center for Development and Geostrategic Studies and Analysis President, Belgium

Dr. Aicha Bacha's speech on the anniversary of UN Resolution 1325 addresses the issue of youth radicalization, drawing from her doctoral research on Belgian jihadists of Moroccan descent. Her study began in 2012 after meeting mothers whose sons had left to fight in Syria. Over six years, she followed fifty-two mothers to understand how family violence and social conditions contribute to radicalization. The findings revealed that many mothers had endured lifelong violence and humiliation, which became unconsciously transmitted to their children as emotional and behavioral patterns. These children, often marginalized and angry, became vulnerable to extremist ideologies offering identity and purpose. Dr. Bacha emphasizes that radicalization is not confined to any single community but arises from a chain of social and familial vulnerabilities. She advocates for "parenting schools" to strengthen family bonds and emotional education, urging collective responsibility to heal generational trauma and prevent future radicalization.

Ms. Klajda Gjoshaj, Senior Expert on Leadership, Good Governance and EU Accession Process, Albania

The speech "**Fostering Responsible Leadership through Education for a Peaceful Future**" (25/10/2025) emphasizes the urgent need for values-based, compassionate leadership in a world facing crises of inequality, division, and moral decline. True leadership, the speaker asserts, is about service, vision, and integrity – not power or dominance. Education plays a central role in shaping such leadership by nurturing character, conscience, and compassion. The speaker highlights the importance of women's leadership, noting that women often lead with empathy, collaboration, and inclusivity – qualities essential for peacebuilding. Leadership, they argue, is learned through values instilled in families and communities and through opportunities to serve. Empowering young people and women to lead with purpose rather than ego fosters resilience and unity. Ultimately, the speech calls for a shift from leadership

rooted in authority to one grounded in values, equality, and the shared responsibility of creating a peaceful and just world.

Ms. Nada Harward, Honorary Consul, Bath Spa University, Associate Lecturer, Lebanon

The speech calls for reviving and redefining the core values of the United Nations amid global crises, moral decline, and weakened multilateralism. It highlights the erosion of international law, financial strain, and the UN's shrinking capacity to promote peace, justice, and human rights. Once a symbol of global cooperation, the UN now faces downsizing and diminishing influence, threatening the ideals it was built upon. The text revisits milestones like Kofi Annan's reforms and the Sustainable Development Goals, contrasting their initial hope with today's geopolitical fragmentation and loss of moral compass. It explores reforming the UN Charter under Article 109, led by the "109 Coalition," as a potential yet uncertain path toward renewal. The speech urges a return to the UN's original mission as a broker of peace, calling for visionary leadership – possibly from a woman Secretary-General – and ends with hope that compassion and solidarity can restore global harmony.

Ms. Olga Vakulinskaya, WFWP President, Russia

The Women's Federation for World Peace of Russia (WFWP) fosters moral and family education to nurture young leaders and strengthen community values. Through programs like *Lessons of Kindness in Practice* and the *Family World* festival, WFWP promotes compassion, responsibility, and intercultural harmony. Their lectures on love, moral values, and family life inspire emotional reflection and practical change, motivating individuals toward honesty, justice, and healthy living. Participant feedback reveals the profound personal impact of these initiatives – encouraging hope, empathy, and moral awareness. The *Compass of Conscience* youth volunteer program and collaborations with educational institutions such as the Modern Institute of Noble Maidens support character development and leadership grounded in conscience and care. WFWP continues to advance its mission of building a culture of love, peace, and family integrity across generations and communities.