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Dear IPB / IPBYN

Angelo Cardona, María Teresa Barrios and Guyci Denisse as youth representatives from Colombia, Argentina and Mexico respectively are pleased to inform you about the Latin American Youth Congress for Peace Organized by IPBYN, UNOY Peacebuilders, Fundación Escuelas de Paz (Schools of peace Foundation) Instituto Latinoamericano para la Paz y la Ciudadanía - ILAPIC (Latin American Institute for Peace and Citizenship) La Paz Querida (Wanted Peace) National Democratic Institute Colombia - NDI and Foro Permanente de Ciencia y Educación para el Desarrollo y la Paz (Permanent Forum for Sciences and Education for Development and Peace) many of the IPB Member organizations in Latin America. In Addition, it was supported by Movimiento de Educadores por La paz (Peace Educators Movement - Uruguay) and Consejo Latinoamericano de Investigación para la Paz - CLAIP (Latin American Council of Peace Researchers)

This congress took place at University Of Antioquia, within the II International Congress of Sciences and Education for Development and Peace where we launched the Latin American Youth Network for Peace which aim to build a culture of peace, foster international cooperation and participation of young people in decision-making processes.

This Congress assumed the rol of pre-conference towards the World Congress "TRANSFORM" of the International Peace Bureau Youth Network, to be held in Berlin, September, 2019.

As well as this, in Latin America, we are going to have two more pre-Conferences: One in Buenos Aires that will take place at the Senate of the Nation on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of July 2018 and at the University Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, City of Mexico September, 2018 Where we will expand as a network.

IPBYN representatives led along with National Democratic Institute the Human Rights commission within the Congress where we tackled some of the violations of Human Rights in our region as well as possible actions to take in order to counter them.

In the same way, we highlighted the importance of Peace Education and Communication, the United Nations resolution 2250 and public policy.

Moreover, in the II International Congress of Sciences and Education for Development and Peace, we had the chance to hear some prominent speakers such as Dr. Alicia Cabezudo and Amada Benavides as Peace Educators and Dr. Alberto Portugheis, Founder of Humanity United for Universal Demilitarisation - HUFUD, Organization that promotes World Peace through Universal Demilitarisation. <http://www.hufud.org/>

Yours Sincerely,

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