



DECLARATION OF MEXICO CITY

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THE
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ARCHITECTS

having adopted this declaration at its General Assembly in Acapulco, at the conclusion of its XIIIth World Congress held in October of 1978, in Mexico City, with the participation of over 6,000 persons, on the subject ARCHITECTURE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,

CONFIRMS

the declaration of principles adopted at its foundation in 1948 and which has served as a basis for 30 years of international collaboration in the field of architecture and planning between other architects and governmental and non governmental bodies,

SUPPORTS

the recommendation of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements of Vancouver (1976), as well as the principles of the United Nations Program for the environment (UNEP), of Nairobi,

ACKNOWLEDGES

that demographic changes, the degradation of the environment and the social injustices which have occurred as a result of selfishness and dehumanization, imposes at the present time new demands on planning and architecture in order to respond to the people's awareness that they do not possess what they consider to be their right,

that just and balanced development can only be brought about through the creation of the appropriate conditions which will enable both the individual and the community to be fulfilled materially and spiritually,

that the integration in programmes of development of humanism, politics and technology, theory and reality is necessary at local, national and international levels at all stages from early inception to implementation,

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that development, environment and architecture are interdependent and that the task of architecture is to create through a synthesis of social, economic, technical factors and three-dimensional form, proper spaces for Man's development,

that the development of human settlements results from the work of multidisciplinary teams who are in contact with the user and responsible authorities and have respect for the essential problems of our time, such as the protection of the environment, limitation to growth, new economic order, adequate technologies, the conservation of energy and the regeneration of the cultural heritage,

that the present and future task of architecture represents, through its scope a challenge to which architects must respond with full awareness and enthusiasm at the service of six billion inhabitants of the year 2000,

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architects to fully meet the exigencies of a discipline whose limits are boundless and which is appropriate to all types of action and development,

RECOMMENDS

to national and international authorities,

to encourage a balance of development between rural and urban areas and create an orderly and harmonious national territory,

to enable architects to participate at all levels of decision making as professionals who are conscious of their duties to society and their responsibilities in the technical and human aspects in the creation of buildings for a new civilization.