



## *SPEECH BY H.E. PROF. MICHELE CAPASSO Secretary General of the United States of the World*

Today is a special day for several reasons:

- the anniversary of my "Brother" Mana
- his appointment as "Ambassador of Honour of the United States of the World"
- the realisation after 35 years of the dream of the "United States of the World" with 181 countries and 16,000 adhering Civil Society organisations
- Mother's Day, which is celebrated today in Italy and other countries
- Thanks to his Mother, Prof. Mana was born, grew up with great Values and examples of life that allowed him to be a "Peace Builder", a "Poet with a Great Soul", an Ambassador of peace and shared development: these three actions have been recognised to him by the United States of the World in three different moments:
  1. On 13 June 2015, he received the prestigious "Mediterranean Award for Culture and Poetry" in Marrakech
  2. On 9 May 2018 he received the prestigious title of "Peace Builder" in Naples
  3. Today, in Marrakech, he received the title of "Ambassador of Honour of the United States of the World"

Today we live in a difficult time in the history of the world: wars, pandemics, social injustice, climate change and the loss of the fundamental values of life may lead to the extinction of humanity.

I appeal to my brother Mana and a great country of the "Greater Mediterranean", the United Arab Emirates: that they concretely join us in spreading the values and principles of the United States of the World as expressed in the Constitution.

We have a historic duty: to pass on to young people a set of values and experiences that guarantee their commitment to the future.

The "United States of the World" brings together countries, international institutions, cities, universities and civil society organisations in order to share knowledge to combat social injustice, wars, pandemics, resource dissipation and climate change, with the fundamental goal of affirming freedom and equality through the application of the fundamental rights of the human person.

The "United States of the World" support a change in the paradigm of world development through a different geopolitics that must put the Common Good at the centre by implementing unprecedented strategies of growth, competitiveness and cooperation based on ethics, social justice and the fair distribution of goods and resources; they represent a laboratory of ideas for concrete actions for peace and, in general, for a shared choral action that has at its centre the safeguard of the fundamental values for humanity while respecting the different identities and cultures: "United in Diversity" with the primary aim of combining "Peace" with "Sustainability".

The value of the action of the "United States of the World" is testified to by illustrious personalities who have visited the Naples headquarters in over thirty years, supporting the initiative: among them Pr. Mana Saeed Ahmed Alotaiba, who turns 77 today.

Actually, Mana looks half his age: to him, who with indomitable courage and the heart of a poet and a child has always been committed to the "Earth" and "Peace", I wish him a long life.

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