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Seven years after the signing of the Dayton Peace Agreement, Bosnia and Herzegovina is struggling with the difficult legacy of the past and, in partnership with the international community, investing efforts in the democratization process. The front runners of change are youth, who need to be educated to become able carriers of the ideals of tolerance, dialogue, respect, and harmony.

Bosnia and Herzegovina aspires to establish a society based upon the principles and standards of a civilization of peace. This goal can be reached through the common effort of the state bodies, civil society, and non-governmental organizations, with the strong support of the international community.

For the past two years, 6000 children and youth, 400 teachers and school administrators, and 10,000 parents from among the Bosniak, Croat and Serb peoples, have been working together in a program of Education for Peace, a common project of academia and the state. The results of this program have been very positive, and are described in the brief information piece that we take pleasure in enclosing.

The children all over the world are in need of peace and security. On the occasion of the Summit devoted to the children, we recommend this program to all the nations for consideration, as a model of society oriented towards peace, cooperation, and development.

**The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina**