



HANDSHAKING MARATHON FOR GEORGIA

Handshaking Marathon for Peace

Romanian NGOs are launching a call for you to join a handshaking marathon for peace in the memory of the victims of the war in Georgia, on **Wednesday, 13 August 2008, at 18.45 hrs**. We will gather in two groups – one on Av. Pavel Kiseleff in front of the **Romanian Peasant's Museum** and the other at the **Arch of Triumph** – and we will walk towards each other until we reach the Russian Embassy in Bucharest (Sos. Pavel Kiseleff, nr.6). There we will shake hands and light candles in the memory of the victims of the war in Georgia, asking for the cease of armed conflict in the region.

Bring a white flower and a candle, take your friends along and come join us to show the world how conflicts should be mediated and to challenge international actors to do the same. Play your part in this act of solidarity and come shake hands with the person next to you.

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Rules for the marathon:

1. At the handshaking marathon we will only whisper. During this event even the feeblest voices will be heard, not only those of the strongest.
2. At the handshaking marathon we will only bring along things you need in a negotiation: pens and sheets of paper, goodwill and open-mindedness for listening to the others, tolerance and respect towards our handshaking partners.
3. The time period that we will spend in front of the Embassy of the Russian Federation is about 5 minutes;
4. The participants shall make no statements or take any action that promotes violence, unlawfulness or denigrates any public or private person;
5. There will be no slogans shouted and no written messages on display. The only materials used for communication are the flyers and the press-release distributed by the organizers on site;
6. Mass-media: the participants will make no statements on behalf of the organizers. While they are free to declare their personal motivation for taking part in this event, they will direct the press to the organizers for any official statements. (press-persons: Laura Rădulescu, Asociația Pro Democrația – cell 0721.793.807, and Claudia Sadean, Asociația Verzii – cell 0723.640.052);
7. If, regardless of the reason, you do not feel comfortable with this set of rules, you are kindly requested not to take part in the event.
8. After the conclusion of the event, the participants will proceed peacefully and silently to a destination of their choice.