

#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TALK OF DR. WANGARI MAATHAI'S

Create a body that can put the issues on the table, have the leaders to talk, make people face the issues, secure that everyone can say what is in their heart.

- A body that is neutral – a structure similar to Red Cross (ICRC) / Red Crescent
- NGOs are private organizations such as associations, federations, unions, institutes, and other groups; they are not established by a government or by intergovernmental agreement
- The ICRC has a hybrid nature
- The ICRC's privileges and immunities are recognized by governments, by the United Nations and by other organizations. This means that the ICRC is not treated as a private entity or an NGO, but as an intergovernmental organization for the work it does under its international mandate

# GREEN CRYSTAL

Everything has a beginning. And everything is about timing. Did you know that in 1955 – a couple of days before his death – Albert Einstein in a Manifesto called upon leaders of the World to seek peaceful resolution to international conflicts? Did you know that The Geneva Convention from 1864 is handwritten on only a few pieces of paper? And did you know that it only took Henry Dunant, the founding father of Red Cross, a couple of years to obtain the major European powers' acceptance of the Red Cross movement? It's alright if you didn't. I didn't. But Tina Monberg knows. She practiced mediation before many others did, and that is one of the reasons that we today use mediation, also in the legal system, to solve conflicts between people, companies, and nations.

Tina Monberg, being a founding member of Mediators Beyond Borders, is now also the woman behind a new visionary movement: The Green Crystal movement. During COP15 in Copenhagen, she anticipated, that Media-

tors Beyond Borders got NGO status and hereby were able to do a two days seminar for 100 mediators from 20 nations. At Bella Centret they succeeded in attracting attention to the use of mediation in climate conflict issues by handing out folders, and speaking to as many people as possible. The Green Crystal movement started during these days at the COP15-seminar, which was, by the way, held in Glyptoteket – one of the most beautiful buildings in Central Copenhagen, where Nobel Prize Winner Wangari Maathai was one of the key note speakers. One outcome of the seminar was this statement: *“we believe our planet is in need of an impartial, internationally recognized conflict resolution organization to assist parties in conflict to resolve their disputes peacefully – an institution made up of experienced conflict resolution practitioners recognized by the world's Nations”*. Meet Tina Monberg, lawyer, mediator, and psychotherapist here, and learn more about Green Crystal.





Red Cross – An organization whose humanitarian mission is to protect the lives and dignity of victims of war and internal violence and to provide them with assistance. The Red Cross emblem was officially approved in Geneva in 1863.

BY GITTE LARSEN

## GREEN CRYSTAL

### GREEN CRYSTAL – THE SHORT ONE:

The mission of Green Crystal is to serve as a mediator in conflicts between nations or in intrastate conflicts. The vision is to be an institution which is recognized by the United Nations, governments, and other organizations and given an international mandate. The basic values of Green Crystal are impartiality, confidentiality, non-political, non-exploitative, and non-judgmental.

Tina Monberg and the team behind Green Crystal (see info boxes for more) have a common dream of Peace. She writes to me: "Everyone has a dream of a peaceful life and therefore of finding a way to peace. Green Crystal is such a dream. A dream that if everyone started to believe in it, could lead to peace. Make a world, where it is the usual procedure to use mediators to secure the stop of the escalations of conflicts into violence and wars. It is a simple plan, but

sometimes things can be made quite simple if the timing is right. I took the initiative to this dream, and I believe the time is here and now."

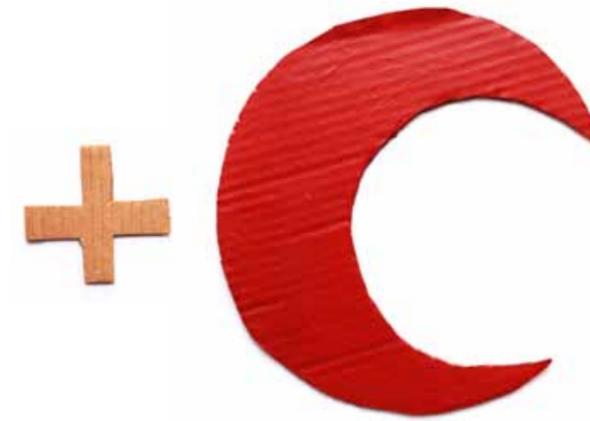
She also writes: "In 1955 – a couple of days before his death – Albert Einstein in a Manifesto called upon leaders of the World to seek peaceful resolution to international conflicts. Einstein knew that we had to find new ways of solving our conflicts and that the use of atomic warfare will send us back to the stone-age. Once when asked by which weapons a 3rd World War would be fought with, Einstein answered: 'I do not know with what kind of weapons the Third World War will be fought, but the Fourth World War will be fought with sticks and stones'. This reality picture pushed him to take an initiative 50 years ago to call for the politicians of this world to do something, as he said:

"In view of the fact that in any future world war nuclear weapons will certainly be employed, and that

such weapons threaten the continued existence of mankind, we urge the governments of the world to realize, and to acknowledge publicly, that their purpose cannot be furthered by a world war, and we urge them, consequently, to find peaceful means for the settlement of all matters of dispute between them." (see this link for more information: <http://www.pugwash.org/about/manifesto.htm>)

Now, more than 50 years later, we have still not found a way to solve conflicts peacefully. The problem is in the first hand created by the fact that *we are limited by our thinking*, and therefore we have not been ready to use a new mindset that could solve the problem.

Tina Monberg believes the timing is now. "The timing is present and a butterfly effect could be created by a people-driven movement supported by top key decision makers. According to her, the people should begin to ask the leaders of this world to do something to secure an interest-based conflict resolution process. We need a way and a how to."



Red Crescent - An organization in Muslim countries that helps people who are suffering, for example as a result of war, floods, or disease. The Red Crescent emblem was first used during the armed conflict between the Ottoman Empire and Russia (1877–1878). The symbol was officially adopted in 1929, and so far 33 Islamic states have recognized it.

### Red Cross and Green Crystal

The idea is similar to what Henry Dunant, the founding father of the Red Cross did. Tina tells me (in her e-mail) that it only took him a couple of years to obtain the major European powers' acceptance of the Red Cross movement. He obtained the nations' leaders acceptance of a Convention and thereafter Red Cross was a reality. Red Cross was born as a hybrid between an NGO and a body recognized by states. The Geneva Convention from 1864 is handwritten on only a few pieces of paper.

Red Cross contains three vital defining characters, and it is kept as simple as possible, but not simpler:

1. Guarantee neutrality for Red Cross personnel
2. To expedite supplies for their use
3. Identifying a special emblem – a red cross

Tina Monberg, and the team behind the Green Crystal Movement, will apply the same three characteristics at

Green Crystal. It shall be an organization and have a visible body – a Green Crystal – that every nation could call when they need help in conflict resolution. Green Crystal shall be an organization supported and recognized by all the nations of our world (read more in the box *Join the movement*).

Tina Monberg is asking, whether you can imagine the nations of the world form relief organization to provide mediation and peaceful conflict resolution to secure prevention of wars due to climate change. And she ends up writing this to me: "If you can imagine that, and act, you will make Einstein's and Dunant's dream about creating a body of settling international disputes come true. And you yourself will leave a green footprint on Planet Earth."

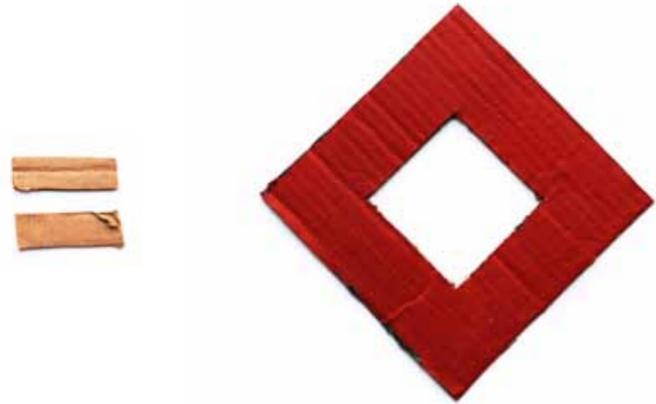
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### GREEN CRYSTAL – JOIN THE MOVEMENT:

Green Crystal will be an organisation and have a visible body – a Green Crystal – that every nation can call when help in conflict and resolutions are needed. Green Crystal shall be supported and recognized by all nations. Green Crystal will apply the same 3 characteristics as Red Cross did – namely

1. Guarantee neutrality for Green Crystal Mediators
2. To expedite supplies for their use
3. Identifying a special emblem – a green crystal similar to the emblem used by the merging of Red Cross and Red Crescent

If you want to be a part of a movement to peace, you can sign a petition on this site: <http://www.petitiononline.com/greencry/petition.html>



Red Crystal – On December 8, 2005, a new emblem - officially the Third Protocol Emblem, but more commonly known as the Red Crystal - was adopted by an amendment of the Geneva Conventions known as Protocol III. Within its own national territory, a national society can use either of the recognized symbols alone, or incorporate any of these symbols or a combination of them into the Red Crystal.

## DECLARATION – GREEN CRYSTAL. ISSUED IN COPENHAGEN, 11TH DECEMBER 2009

We hold this truth to be self-evident, that all people want to promote peace and prevent war and destructive conflicts. We have the inalienable right and duty to work together in cooperation and pool resources for the promotion, prevention and resolution of conflict in a collaborative way, for the good of ourselves, our families, our communities, and our society as a whole.

We believe that with a political will all Nations can find peaceful means to settle their disputes.

We believe that most conflicts can be mitigated and addressed by helping the civil society fulfill their needs and satisfy their interests.

We are convinced that mediation is a unique, powerful and effective tool for conflict resolution, and a means of

achieving these ends.

We know that professional mediators have the adequate competencies to help the World manage conflicts in efficient and satisfactory ways for all parties involved.

We believe that a consolidated professional platform visible for all is needed to ensure that people in disputes have easy access to a diverse group of conflict resolution processes and practitioners including, but not limited to, mediators.

We believe that our planet is in need of an impartial, internationally recognized conflict resolution body – an institution made of experienced practitioners recognized by the worlds' Nations and funded by them.

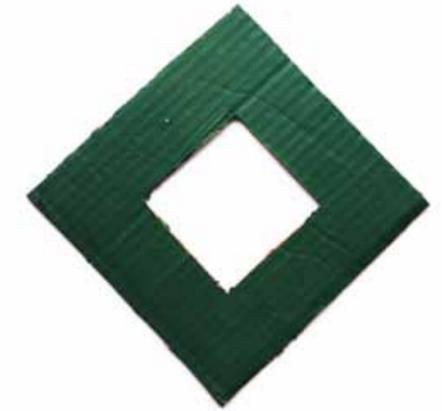
We believe that by creating such a body, important international issues can be negotiated more effectively, leaders can improve their relationships, people can collaboratively address critical issues, and everyone can express their differences peacefully.

We believe that an internationally recognized symbol, is necessary to ensure recognition of the importance and value of mediation.

We are therefore pleased to announce the formation of Green Crystal, an international body of mediators and coordinators who will provide peaceful conflict resolution by building an accessible infrastructure for peaceful negotiations and conflict resolution.

## GREEN CRYSTAL CONVENTION. DRAFT, MARCH 2010

AS WE BELIEVE THAT OUR PLANET IS IN NEED OF AN IMPARTIAL, INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CONFLICT RESOLUTION ORGANIZATION TO ASSIST PARTIES IN CONFLICT TO RESOLVE THEIR DISPUTES PEACEFULLY – AN INSTITUTION MADE UP OF EXPERIENCED CONFLICT RESOLUTION PRACTITIONERS RECOGNIZED BY THE WORLDS' NATIONS AND FUNDED BY THEM, WE THE UNDERSIGNED PLENIPOTENTIARIES OF THE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED AT THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE HELD AT GENEVA FROM XX 2011 TO XX 2011, HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:



The International Conference, desirous of coming to the aid of nations and people in conflict should the local National Mediation Services prove inadequate, adopts the following Resolutions:

*Article 1.* Each country shall have a Committee whose duty it shall be, in time of war or conflicts which have the potential to lead to war and any other time the need arises, to assist the National Mediation Services by every means in its power. The Committee shall organize itself in the manner which seems to it most useful and appropriate.

*Art. 2.* An unlimited number of Sections may be formed to assist the Committee, which shall be the central directing body.

*Art. 3.* Each Committee shall make contact with the Government of its country, so that its services may be accepted should the occasion arise.

*Art. 4.* In peacetime, the Committees and Sections shall take steps to prevent future destructive conflicts by helping parties collaborate on underlying issues, and to ensure their real usefulness in time of conflict and war, especially by preparing education in conflict resolution of all sorts and by seeking to train and instruct voluntary mediation personnel.

*Art. 5.* In time of war or violent conflict, the Committees of belligerent nations shall supply conflict aid to the violent parties as far as their means permit: in particular, they shall organize voluntary personnel and place them in an active status and, in agreement with the national authorities, shall have safe premises made available for conflict resolution processes. They may call for assistance upon the Committees of neutral countries.

*Art. 6.* On the request, or with the consent of the national or warring authorities, Committees may send voluntary conflict resolution personnel to the conflict zone where

they shall be placed under national command.

*Art. 7.* Voluntary conflict resolution personnel attached to nations shall be supplied by the respective Committees with everything necessary for their upkeep.

*Art. 8.* They shall wear in all countries, as a uniform distinctive sign, a white armlet with a green crystal.

*Art. 9.* The Committees and Sections of different countries may meet in international assemblies to communicate the results of their experience and to agree on measures to be taken in the interests of the work.

*Art. 10.* The exchange of communications between the Committees of the various countries shall for the time being through the intermediary of the Geneva Committee.

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**TINA MONBERG.** TINA IS A LAWYER AND QUALIFIED PSYCHOTHERAPIST. SHE HAS A MASTER IN LAW FROM COPENHAGEN UNIVERSITY AND IS EDUCATED AS A MEDIATOR BY PROFESSOR FRANK E. A. SANDER OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL AND IN WIN-WIN NEGOTIATION BY PROFESSOR ROBERT H. MNOOKIN OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. SHE HAS PREVIOUSLY RUN HER OWN LAW FIRM AND WORKED AS A CORPORATE LAWYER, BUT NOW FUNCTIONS AS A MEDIATOR, COACH AND TEACHER, WORKING AT MEDIATIONCENTER A/S, DENMARK.

TINA HAS SPECIALIZED IN PREVENTING, HANDLING, AND SOLVING CONFLICTS IN AN INTEREST-BASED WAY, SO THAT FROM A CONFLICT, NO ONE COMES OUT AS A LOSER. IN RELATION TO THIS, SHE HAS CREATED A CONFLICT MANAGEMENT CONCEPT, WHICH HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED INTO A NUMBER OF DANISH ORGANIZATIONS. SHE HAS WORKED TOGETHER WITH THE DANISH BAR ASSOCIATION TO HELP IMPLEMENT MEDIATION INTO DENMARK. TINA WROTE THE BOOKS "TWO

WINNERS - MEDIATION AS POSITIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION" AND "HANDBOOK OF HUMAN CONFLICT TECHNOLOGY" AND HAS CO-WRITTEN SEVERAL BOOKS AND ARTICLES.

IN HER ORGANIZATION, MEDIATION-CENTER, SHE PROVIDES CONFLICT MEDIATION AND DEVELOPS STRATEGIES TO BRING SOLUTIONS TO A WIDE RANGE OF DISAGREEMENTS AND DISPUTES. TINA'S AIM IS TO TRANSFORM THE CONFLICT BY BRINGING RENEWED ENERGY AND COOPERATION TO THE DIALOGUE AND CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT, WHERE MUTUAL INTERESTS ARE RECOGNIZED. IT IS A PROCESS, WHICH ALIGNS ALL PARTIES FOR A POSITIVE OUTCOME. SHE IS WORKING IN ORGANIZATION TO TRANSFORM THEIR CONFLICT CULTURE TO A WIN-WIN CONFLICT STRATEGY BY SHOWING A NEW PLATFORM AND MINDSET. TINA IS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF MEDIATORS BEYOND BORDERS AND TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO COP15 MEDIATOR SEMINAR AND THE PARTICIPATION OF MEDIATORS BEYOND BORDERS IN COP15 AS AN NGO OBSERVER.

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