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Two-day Peace Walk commemorates signing of Charter at United Nations

Representatives from a number of the 159 countries which make up the United Nations are planning to walk for peace Monday, June 26. The seventh-annual Peace Walk for United Nations Charter Day, held among the roses in the UN North Garden overlooking the East River, is attended by ambassadors, delegates and Secretariat staff. Monday's nation-by-nation relay walk begins at 12 noon with St. Kitts and Nevis, and continues alphabetically to Zimbabwe at 12:40 p.m. An international walk concludes the event at 12:45 p.m.

Participants walk in silent dedication to the ideals of the United Nations, carrying a colorful, framed copy of the Preamble to the UN Charter. After passing the Preamble to the next country, walkers then sign a copy of the Charter, symbolically recreating the original signing in San Francisco in 1945.

The two-day Peace Walk began Friday, June 23rd at 12 noon with Afghanistan, then continued alphabetically to Rwanda at 2 p.m. before recessing until Monday. The Walk was organized by members of Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations, a group of UN delegates and staff who hold twice-weekly meditations as well as special programmes and events for peace. Co-sponsors include the UN ambassadors or representatives of 17 nations.