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CONCERN FOR  
COMMUNITY:  
*The RELEVANCE of*  
CO-OPERATIVES  
*to PEACE*

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*“Peacebuilding happens in communities*

*not on battlefields,”* claims Dr Ian MacPherson. “It is in this context that co-operatives can make their greatest contribution to building a more peaceful world. Through their values, principles, and practices co-operatives encourage building capacity to bridge crippling divisions in order to pursue specific, mutually-beneficial, attainable goals.”

“Peacemaking is central to the growth of the co-operative movement,” asserts Dr Yehudah Paz, “and co-operatives are relevant to matters of peacemaking and conflict resolution at the level of neighbour-to-neighbour within and across communities, regions, and nations. Co-operatives are one of the most effective ways to bridge differences and build collaborative networks centered on common goals.”

Concern for Community: The Relevance of Co-operatives to Peace contains the distillation of the authors’ insights on how peacebuilding is core to the co-operative model of enterprise. “This book is part of the legacy of two men who deeply believed in co-operatives as a value-based tool for development, as well as the role of the co-operative movement in brokering peace,” states Vivian Silver, Former Co-Executive Director, AJEEC-NISPED, Israel.

“The co-operative movement has not yet been awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace, but this book makes one hopeful that it might one day be more fully acknowledged for its role in promoting an ideal longed for with more urgency in recent days.” Charles Gould, Director General of the ICA



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