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Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honored to be invited to here to speak tonight for this Global Youth Peace Fest. It is encouraging to see so many people gathered together in one place working toward the same goal, that of peace in our countries. I want to thank the organizers planning and managing this event so that all of us who believe in peace and work toward it can do that work in unity. Just as the great Mahatma Gandhi dedicated his life to the pursuit of peace and did so in completely non-violent means. We have such an awesome opportunity to ‘Inspire Change towards Inclusive Citizenship for Nurturing a Global Culture of Peace & Nonviolence’, and I am excited about this event.

It has been my great joy to voluntarily work toward the restoration of peace in my country of Libya. Over the years my country has been overwhelmed with turmoil and many kinds of violence. There have been many wars fought in my homeland between various governments and the people of my country. During these times of war I have worked as a doctor, treating those injured in the war. At every opportunity I did all that was possible to minimize the shortage of medical staff during a time of great need.

I have also had the privilege and opportunity to coordinate and deliver humanitarian aids and medical reliefs between pharmaceutical companies and food companies to several NGO’s, then sending it on to different needed area in relief convoys during and after the conflict.

Over the years I have worked toward the peace in my country. All of you have worked in your own ways in your countries to bring about peace also. The great Mahatma Gandhi experienced great violence in his life while he was working to bring about peace. He was known the world over for his non-violent means, his pacifism, his fasts, and his religious fervor to accomplish his goals.

I know that you all have different experiences with working toward peace and that makes this Peace Fest a wonderful gathering. With all of us here together we can certainly celebrate what we have already accomplished as well as work together to come up with new ideas as we collaborate.

When I received the letter inviting me to this event and informing me that I would be presented with the ‘Global Youth ICON Award’ I was totally overcome. I know that none of us do the things that we do so that we can receive awards. We work toward peace and we volunteer our efforts because we believe in the work we do. The cause of peace is important to us. The people that we work to help are important to us.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we share a common goal in working toward peace, and doing it non-violently. I want to thank the organizers of this event not only for inviting me to speak but for granting me this award.