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### Kak, new president of Cartooning for Peace

# Plantu, founder of Cartooning for Peace, hands over to the French cartoonist Kak, after having created and chaired the Cartooning for Peace association for 13 years. He becomes honorary president of the association.

On October 14, the Board of Cartooning for Peace has renewed its office by electing Kak (President), Pierre Flament (Treasurer) and Laure Pourageaud (Secretary). Plantu becomes honorary president of the association. Finally, three new cartoonists joined the council: Mykaïa (France), Lars Refn (Denmark) and Willis from Tunis (Tunisia).



#### Kak (France)

For 20 years, Kak led a double life. During the day, he worked for the French and European cinema (Unifrance, Film France, European Promotion, EUFCN...), and then, at night, he caricatured clandestinely the latest news of his sector in the weekly magazine Le Film français under the alias of Kak, like a more relaxed Batman.

In early 2014, he became a full time cartoonist by joining the redaction of the daily newspaper L'Opinion, in order to illustrate current affairs. Now he has to have fun every day, like the Joker, but less scary. He also draws for with Le film français, l'Activité immobilière, and some private companies as well as doing book covers.

#### **Cartooning for Peace**

Created in 2006 at the initiative of Kofi Annan, Nobel Peace Prize and former General Secretary of the United Nations, and press cartoonist Plantu, Cartooning for Peace is a international network of more than 200 cartoonists committed to the promotion of freedom of expression, Human Rights and mutual respect among people upholding different cultures and believes, using the universal language of press cartoons.

Now: « Cartooning for Peace and Democracy», Cartooning for Peace at the World Forum for Democracy in Strasbourg (6 – 8 November), informations : https://bit.ly/33b1JYm

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#### Plantu's letter translation :

I've been thinking for several years that it would be nice if our friend KAK could replace me as head of Cartooning for Peace. And here we go. I finally resign from the presidency. Thank you for trusting me all these years and please trust my friend KAK the same way. Kak, the cartoonist of the French newspaper "L'Opinion", you'll have seen him on France 24. He's very nice! Welcome to KAK as President of Cartooning for Peace. Jean Plantu Honorary President of Cartooning for Peace