



**Confidential Note**  
**PROPOSAL FOR AN**  
**AOC TRUST FUND REPLENISHMENT<sup>1</sup>**

**BACKGROUND**

Since the establishment of the Voluntary Trust Fund for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in 2007 (see ANNEX) only a limited number of countries, one international organization and one private foundation have contributed to support the work of the Alliance through direct donations to it. Moreover among donors, only the sponsors kept up a regular, significant contribution over the years, with a few other members of the Group of Friends providing smaller although regular contributions, sometime dedicated to specific projects or priorities. One country made both large and regular contributions to support an important program.

Having said that, it is also important to note that support is also provided by a few countries outside the Trust Fund, from the secondment of officials to the organization of meetings and forums. Moreover, a modest though growing number of International organizations, foundations, corporations and NGOS have been providing some additional resources

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<sup>1</sup> This paper follows very closely a note of the Global Fund to fight against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria on the replenishment issue.

through other channels, mostly in kind or through grants directly paid to the beneficiaries.

However this system of ad hoc contributions is clear insufficient and unsatisfactory. It makes it difficult to plan the work of the Alliance of Civilizations and to provide sustained and predictable support for the many programs and activities that are now getting underway in a growing number of countries and settings.

At the same time, some current and many potential donors expressed a need for a system and a forum through which they could exchange views on operations and the effectiveness of the UNAOC Trust Fund when considering their future contributions.

The High Representative therefore considers that reform of the ad hoc system is urgent, though retaining its voluntary dimension. The introduction of a funding model based on periodic replenishments based on existing international replenishment mechanisms might provide one means of augmenting, diversifying and complementing financial support to the existing Voluntary Trust for the Alliance of Civilizations.

The High Representative believes that periodic voluntary replenishment will enable the Alliance to reach out to donors more effectively and to forecast more accurately its available resources for future years.

Moreover it will allow to overcome drawbacks of the present system of ad hoc contributions which creates constant uncertainties about the availability of cash and hampers proper planning of the activities that are

now getting underway in a growing number of countries and settings; breakdowns in casflow unduly delay payments to service providers and partners, with negative consequences for the image of both the Alliance and the UN; no reserves can be made to address possible emergencies; the continuity of operations over the years is problematic.

## **PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF A VOLUNTARY REPLENISHMENT MECHANISM**

Based on models of existing replenishment mechanisms, the primary purpose of the voluntary replenishment process is to increase the predictability of the UNAOC Trust Fund's resource mobilization efforts.

Greater confidence that the majority of future funding is assured at any given time will have secondary benefits as well. Liquidity management will be more efficient to the extent that the UNACO, based on synchronized replenishment pledges, will be able to back its commitments with instruments other than cash and thereby reduce to a minimum idle cash balances. At the same time, the complementary availability of ad hoc resource mobilization channels, especially from non-government donors, will allow the UNAOC to seek further support for additional programs, to tap new constituencies and to respond promptly to unplanned contingencies in between structured replenishment processes.

The replenishment will in addition provide processes through which donors can exchange views on the operations and effectiveness of the Fund as they consider its funding needs.

## **ORGANIZATION**

The UN High Representative for the Alliance will chair this replenishment process.

A “Partnership Forum” will be held on the occasion of future Annual Global Forums of the Alliance made up of the contributors – representatives of donor governments, international organizations, the private sector (including business and foundations) and non-governmental organizations - to the Trust Fund.

This Partnership Forum will give stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback about the Alliance performance and to make recommendations for improvements.

## **TIME FRAME**

The first replenishment cycle aims to address funding needs for calendar years 2011 and 2012 and will additionally look at the anticipated resource shortfalls for 2010.

## **PURPOSE OF THE FIRST REPLENISHMENT CYCLE**

This first cycle will aim at least to cover current needs in the range of 5-6 Million USD (around 3 million for general operations and the handling of light programs, a bit more than 2 Million for the media and Youth Solidarity Fund programs and hopefully 1 million for Action Plans implementing existing and planned Regional Strategies).

## MEETINGS

It is suggested as a possibility to be further explored that: a first regional replenishment meeting is organized to coincide with the 1<sup>st</sup> UNAOC Conference for the Mediterranean on 9 November 2010 to take place in Malta; an interim meeting takes place in June 2011 ideally in the US; and a final global meeting for this cycle of the replenishment is organized on the occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Forum of the Alliance in fall 2011<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> Locations and timeline still to be confirmed

## ANNEX



### ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

#### Alliance of Civilizations Voluntary Trust Fund List of Contributions (as of 2 September 2010)

Donor	Received (USD)	Month/Year
<b>2007</b>		
Turkey	150,000	March 2007
	500,000	June 2007
Spain	202,980	June 2007
	1,353,200	June 2007
United Arab Emirates	1,000,000	July 2007
New Zealand	37,135	September 2007
Denmark	200,000	November 2007
Albania	4,000	November 2007
Switzerland	265,918.80	December 2007
Slovenia	15,000	December 2007
Bulgaria	10,000	December 2007
Lithuania	15,641.09	December 2007
Republic of Korea	50,000	December 2007
<b>2008</b>		
Luxembourg	147,560	January 2008
Angola	50,784.28	January 2008
Montenegro	9,904.93	January 2008
Thailand	10,000	March 2008
Portugal	154,760	May 2008
Slovenia	20,000	May 2008
Austria	77,150	May 2008
New Zealand	41,651.50	June 2008
Moldova	1,000	July 2008
Italy	15,450	August 2008
Serbia	2,000	August 2008
The Netherlands	270,240	December 2008
Belgium	35,458.14	December 2008
Spain	1,013,250	December 2008
Turkey	500,000	December 2008
<b>2009</b>		
UNESCO	7,500	March 2009
Brazil	49,985	April 2009
Luxembourg	66,500	May 2009
Gulbenkian Foundation	20,700	June 2009
Republic of Korea	50,000	June 2009
Egypt	10,000	June 2009
Afghanistan	2,000	June 2009
Malta	2,000	June 2009
Avicenna Award, Germany	69,495	June 2009
Kazakhstan	20,000	June 2009
Algeria	20,000	July 2009
United Kingdom	392,400	July 2009
Tunisia	5,000	August 2009
Italy	32,315	August 2009

Slovenia	22,196	September 2009
Thailand	10,000	September 2009
Bahrain	10,000	September 2009
Ireland	29,100	September 2009
Malaysia	10,000	September 2009
Oman	5,000	September 2009
Portugal	146,500	September 2009
Macedonia	10,000	September 2009
Spain	973,944	October 2009
Denmark	200,000	November 2009
Sweden	115,968	November 2009
UK	397,680	December 2009
Croatia	10,000	December 2009
Azerbaijan	10,000	December 2009
Switzerland	44,000	December 2009
<b>2010</b>		
Switzerland	63,449.10	January 2010
UNESCO	2,500	January 2010
ASEF	1,495.05	January 2010
Turkey	500,000	February 2010
United Kingdom	873,296.24	March 2010
Morocco	10,000	March 2010
Finland	201,884.25	April 2010
Portugal	127,840.50	May 2010
Chile	5,000	May 2010
Portugal	130,000	June 2010
UK	367,600	June 2010
Luxembourg	61,600	June 2010
Switzerland	10,975	June 2010
Kazakhstan	20,000	August 2010
<b>Total received 2007-2010</b>	<b>11,277.342,63</b>	

N.B.- In 2005-2006 financial contributions were made to assist the work of the High Level Group and for its secretariat as mentioned below:

Donor	Received (USD)	Month/Year
<b>2005</b>		
Spain	1,236,700	August 2005
Turkey	184,380	August 2005
Slovenia	15,000	November 2005
Syria	5,000	December 2005
<b>2006</b>		
Oman	5,000	February 2006
Qatar	1,000,000	April 2006
Norway	52,400.80	May 2006
Turkey	250,000	July 2006
France	63,405	September 2006
Thailand	10,000	September 2006
Luxembourg	31,639.09	September 2006
Belgium	282,845.73	October 2006
Slovenia	20,000	November 2006

**Total received 2005-2006: 3.151.370,62**