

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

MINISTRY OF THE PRESIDENCY

8193 Order PRE/1329/2010, dated 20 May, publishing the Resolution approving the 2nd National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations.

The Council of Ministers, at its meeting held on 20 May 2010, acting upon the proposal of the President of the Government, has resolved to approve the 2nd National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations.

Said Agreement, included as the Appendix to this Order, is published herein to facilitate general knowledge thereof.

Madrid, 20 May 2010.– The First Vice-President of the Government and Minister for the Presidency, María Teresa Fernández de la Vega Sanz.

ANNEXE

Resolution approving the 2nd National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations (2010-2014)

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In order to comply with the purposes of the initiative, the High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations has presented two biennial Action Plans, which run from June 2007 to June 2009 and from June 2009 to June 2011. In those Plans, the High Representative has proposed to the Member States of the Group of Friends the preparation of “National Strategies for Intercultural Dialogue”.

The Council of Ministers, at its meeting held on 11 January 2008 and acting upon the proposal of the President of the Government, approved the 1st National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations.

Taking advantage of the experience gained with the 1st Plan, the 2nd National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations for the period 2010 - 2014 continues with the task of driving towards the development of projects and actions aimed at favouring mutual knowledge and respect for cultural diversity, at promoting understanding, and the acquisition of civic values and of a culture of peace. Its purpose is to develop the specific goals pursued by the initiative, integrating them into the set of sector-wide public policies and into the aims of the public and private institutions linked to this 2nd Plan.

In view thereof, acting upon the proposal of the President of the Government, the Council of Ministers at its meeting held on 20 May 2010 hereby resolves to:

Approve the 2nd National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations 2010-2014, which is included as the Appendix to this Resolution.

APPENDIX

2nd National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations

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1. Background: The Alliance of Civilizations initiative.

The United Nations Secretary-General formally launched the Alliance of Civilizations on 14 July 2005, making the project introduced on 21 September 2004 by the President of the Spanish Government before the General Assembly an initiative within the framework of the United Nations, counting with the co-sponsorship of both Spain and Turkey, and which is now firmly established.

The foundations of the Alliance of Civilizations are contained in the Report of the High Level Group, presented in November 2006 to the United Nations Secretary-General. The report proposes specific measures in four key spheres: education, youth, migration and the media.

Since April 2007, the Alliance has had a High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, namely, the former President of Portugal, Dr Jorge Sampaio, and a Secretariat based in New York. A Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations, made up of more than one hundred States and International Organizations, has formed around the Alliance.

The Alliance of Civilizations intends to create a political space whose aim will be to combat the lack of understanding and communication between different cultures and

religions. It must have a multi-polar, multilateral and global vocation, which will make it possible to create common lines of action, both in the institutional field and in the civil society field, to enable it to:

- Reinforce mutual understanding between different cultures, reaffirming a paradigm of mutual respect and reciprocal recognition between them.
- Counteract the influence of those that promote intolerance and conflict. Reach a balance between equality and diversity, which would allow the social, economic and political integration of us all.
- Recommend practical and preventive measures that would help to diminish the risks that extremism can cause to worldwide stability.
- Promote the idea that security is indivisible and that global cooperation is indispensable for international stability and human development.

In order to fulfil the goals of the initiative, the High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations has presented two biennial Action Plans, running from June 2007 to June 2009 and from June 2009 to June 2011. In those Plans the High Representative has proposed to the Member States of the Group of Friends the preparation of «National Strategies for Intercultural Dialogue» and of «Partnership Charters». Spain led this exercise with the enactment of the 1st PNAC in January 2008, which has now become the model for the development of other National Plans.

Together with the National Plans for Intercultural Dialogue, the Regional Strategies and the Diplomacy of Cities are other two axes of action proposed by the High Representative for the furtherance of the Alliance of Civilization at the international level.

Furthermore, the Global Forums of the Alliance have consolidated the initiative as a dialogue and cooperation platform, facilitating cooperation initiatives and projects. The 1st Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations was held in Madrid in 2008, and the 2nd Forum in Istanbul in 2009. Both brought together many States and International Organizations, as well as important political, academic, religious and corporate representatives. The 3rd Forum in Brazil in May 2010, the 4th in Qatar in 2011, and the 5th in Austria in 2012 will further the reach and scope of the initiative.

2. Results achieved by the 1st National Plan

The Council of Ministers, at its meeting held on 11 January 2008, acting upon the proposal of the President of the Government, approved the 1st National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations (Order PRE/45/2008, dated 21 January 2008, State Official Gazette dated 13 January 2008).

The 1st Plan contained 57 actions grouped in four different spheres and oriented towards:

- Favouring mutual knowledge and an appreciation for diversity;
- The promotion of civic values and of a culture of peace;

- The improvement of the integration and skill-building of immigrants, paying special attention to young people;
- In addition, the promotion and dissemination of the Alliance of Civilizations initiative.

Among its actions, it would be possible to highlight integration policies within the scope of immigration, the advancement of youth associations, of cultural promotion, of respect towards religious pluralism, and of the management of diversity. Other relevant measures are the creation of the International Institute for the Alliance of Civilizations together with the United Nations University, and the promotion of research projects about the Alliance of Civilizations within the framework of the national R&D&i Plan, as well as educational exchange programmes, and the presence of the Alliance of Civilizations in the training programmes of the Armed Forces and the Police and Security Forces.

The website of the National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations (www.pnac.es) systematically sets out the actions carried out in relation to the 1st PNAC and regularly incorporates news about its implementation. In a similar manner, the various Ministries involved have opened up channels dedicated to the Alliance of Civilizations.

The Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation; Justice; Defence; the Interior; Education; Labour and Immigration; the Environment, Rural and Marine Affairs; Health and Social Policy; Culture; Science and Innovation; and Equality have all developed actions within the framework of the 1st Plan.

Casa África, Casa América, Casa Árabe, Casa Asia, Casa Mediterráneo, Casa Sefarad-Israel, as well as the Royal Elcano Institute, the Instituto Cervantes and the European Mediterranean Institute, the Carolina Foundation, the Pluralism and Coexistence Foundation, the Three Cultures Foundation and the Euro-Arab Foundation for Higher Studies have also participated in the implementation of the 1st PNAC.

These institutions play an extremely important role in the implementation of the 2nd National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations.

The participation of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces has been particularly significant.

Many organizations and projects that are part of the civil society have acted within the framework of the 1st Plan and currently use the logo of the National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations.

The actions currently being undertaken within the 1st PNAC are incorporated into the 2nd National Plan.

3. The 2nd National Plan

Starting off the experience acquired with the 1st Plan, the 2nd National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations (2nd PNAC) for the period 2010 - 2014 carries on the task of advancing the implementation of projects and actions aimed at favouring the mutual knowledge and respect for cultural diversity, promoting the understanding and the

acquisition of civic values and a culture of peace. Its aim is to develop the specific goals sought by the initiative, integrating them within the set of sector-wide public policies and within the goals of the public and private institutions that have become involved with this 2nd Plan.

The 2nd PNAC is based on its commitment towards international legality, full respect towards Human Rights without any kind of discrimination based on gender, race, culture or religion, and upon the resolved support for multilateralism as represented by the United Nations.

The Plan transfers the objectives of the Alliance to the Spanish foreign and cooperation policies, to the policies adopted by the Public Administrations so as to place them within a strategic vision in order to further empower the policies already in place, design new policies, bridge any possible gaps, and so give them all greater visibility.

The implementation of the 2nd PNAC requires the active participation of the Autonomous Communities and of the Local Corporations, which is why the Government will strive towards the adoption of autonomic and local strategies and plans towards the Alliance of Civilizations.

The 2nd PNAC takes on the commitment of mainstreaming gender within the four priority action spheres of the Alliance of Civilizations: youth, education, migration and the media.

The educational systems must teach universal respect for human rights, cultural diversity and gender equality, as well as convey the intellectual tools needed to take on the challenge of an interdependent world. It is necessary to transmit values related to tolerance, solidarity and respect towards others. Impart an education oriented towards integration, civic behaviour and peace. A global and intercultural education, an education that squarely places the person and his/ her integral development at the centre of the educational system and a job-oriented training. An education that disseminates the wealth of the various cultures and appreciation for cultural diversity, and that emphasizes the importance of their interaction in today's world.

The globalization of youth movements offers new possibilities of action to enhance their exchanges, promote better mutual knowledge and the exchange of contacts between different cultures and traditions, and also to improve participation in the economy through a consensus-built youth employment strategy.

The 2nd PNAC will coordinate the strategies and actions that underline the positive aspects of immigration, oppose trafficking in persons, start up projects aimed at fighting discrimination and xenophobia, support immigrant associations, the school attendance of their children and the promotion of civic education and coexistence programmes.

It is necessary to promote the responsible use of the media and to combat broadcasts and publications that feed hostile perceptions and stereotypes, or that are violent or discriminatory. Media schools must encourage a better knowledge of international social reality, particularly in the areas where religion and politics overlap. It is necessary to advance the contents that contribute to the improvement of intercultural dialogue and understanding.

4. Aims of the 2nd PNAC

The aims of this 2nd PNAC are fully framed within the principles that inspire the Alliance of Civilizations, which are guided by the mandate of the Charter of the United Nations, by the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and by other related international covenants.

Diversity is a basic trait of our society and a progress-advancement force that reflects the considerable wealth and legacy of humankind; by their own nature, the different cultures and civilizations interact and evolve in relation with each other. There is no hierarchy of cultures; all of them have contributed towards the evolution of humankind. The history of humankind is a history of cultural exchanges and interaction.

Intercultural dialogue and cooperation are closely related to the social, economic, educational and environmental development of all peoples. Poverty leads to despair, to a feeling of injustice and alienation, which can fuel extremism when combined with political demands. The fight against poverty can inhibit factors related to economic marginalisation and alienation, this being the reason why it must be actively asserted, as in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Otherwise, poverty and social inequalities can easily be used by violent groups to justify alleged civilizing conflicts.

Terrorism can never be justified. To make it possible for the international institutions and governments to be capable of ending the terrorist scourge it will first be necessary to deal with all of the issues that give birth to it and disseminate it, recognising the relationships that exist between peace, security, social and economic development, social integration and respect for Human Rights.

Democratic governance that integrates its citizens and that responds to their needs and aspirations is the most effective way to enable individuals to fully develop their capacities. Democratic systems must arise and evolve from within the culture of each society, reflecting its shared values and adapting to the needs and interests of its citizens. This is only possible when the persons are free and feel integrated and capable of controlling their destiny. In the area of defence, the 2nd PNAC gives priority to the dissemination of the values and aims of the Alliance of Civilizations.

Religions represent a significant dimension of many societies and an important source of personal and collective values. They contain some of the questions that human beings have asked themselves from the origins of humankind, and as many attempts to provide answers, which have contributed to the development of thought. Religions contain fundamental ethical principles that favour peace, justice, the equality of human beings and the defence of nature. The 2nd Plan strives to guarantee the free exercise of religious practices or beliefs and the pacific coexistence of the various faiths.

The 2nd PNAC will give priority to the promotion of gender equality and to the recognition of the rights of women in all respects, both nationally and internationally, highlighting the international standardisation of gender violence parameters. Within the framework of the Strategic Plan for Equal Opportunities, the 2nd PNAC will advance projects and actions oriented towards full equality between men and women. In order to increase the empowerment of women, the 2nd PNAC will promote the development of international networks so as to enable the exchange of experiences and good

practices to help break down stereotypes and cultural prejudices, facilitate mutual recognition and promote coming together.

The 2nd PNAC is linked to the Action Plan for the Development of the Roma Population (2010 - 2012) in order to contribute towards the correction of the currently existing imbalances between the Roma population and the population as a whole currently residing in Spain, and to promote different ways of social participation, inclusion and development to favour the full exercise of rights and access to goods and services by the Roma population.

4.1. The external action of Spain within the framework of the 2nd PNAC.– The external action of the State will continue its work, supporting and disseminating the initiative of the Alliance of Civilizations within the framework of the 2nd PNAC. After the launch phase, the current stage is characterised by its dual aim of consolidation at the international level and furthering its global reach, in accordance with the universal-leaning vocation of the initiative. In order to deal with those aims, the external action will develop along the following axes of action:

- The consolidation of the initiative within the framework of the United Nations System, as a genuine instrument at its service for the promotion of intercultural cooperation and dialogue. To this end, it will be necessary to empower the development, within this framework, of a global agenda for the proper management of cultural diversity, as the central element of a culture of peace and the fourth pillar of sustainable development. In this sense, the promotion of a proper level of attention to the Alliance by the main United Nations bodies and particularly by the General Assembly will be required, acting through the reports submitted by the United Nations Secretary-General and the debates that may be organised pursuant to Resolution L64/14, of 10 November 2009, on the Alliance of Civilizations.
- The reinforcement of the universal character and global vocation of the initiative through its promotion and the enlargement of its Group of Friends, incorporating countries from those regions in which the Alliance has less representation, particularly in Africa and Asia, as well as international organizations and other actors that are relevant for the promotion of dialogue between cultures and religions.
- Support for the work carried out by the High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations and for the implementation of the 2nd Action Plan (2009 - 2011) presented before the United Nations General Assembly. Furthermore, support will be given to initiatives undertaken to ensure the sustainability of the Alliance of Civilizations.
- The contribution to the development of Regional Strategies of the Alliance of Civilizations in which Spain takes part, and specifically the Regional Strategy for Southeast Europe and the Regional Mediterranean Strategy, as well as the advancement of future Regional Strategies in other geographical areas as ways to develop the Alliance at a global scale will be supported. Furthermore, support will be afforded to the development of National Plans for intercultural dialogue

of the Member States of the Group of Friends, following the recommendations of the High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations and the recognition expressed by the General Assembly in said Resolution about the Alliance of Civilizations in respect of this path of action.

- Support will be given to the development of the Diplomacy of Cities and to enhance international cooperation as fundamental scopes of action at the international level to propagate the principles of the initiative and to involve the civil society of the various countries and cultural traditions. Special attention will be given to the initiatives and projects of the Alliance of Civilizations, as well as to its role as a catalyst and coordinator of efforts and initiatives, favouring Spanish participation in partnerships and other formulas for international cooperation that imply an added value of the initiative as a dialogue platform oriented towards actions with the participation of multiple actors. Furthermore, support will also be given to the holding of the Global Forums of the Alliance and to Spanish participation therein.
- Public diplomacy actions tending towards the promotion and dissemination of the principles, aims and project of the Alliance of Civilizations at the international, national and local level will be promoted.

The following aims will be sought within the framework of international cooperation:

- Support for the cooperation projects aimed at the promotion of the goals of the Alliance of Civilizations and located in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, oriented to an improvement of coexistence and mutual recognition, the promotion of civic values and of peace, as well as towards projects in the areas of youth, education and migration.
- The dissemination of the initiative of the Alliance of Civilizations within the framework of Spanish Cooperation with Latin America, and particularly as regards the management of cultural diversity in specific social groups, such as Indigenous Populations, Afro-Descendants or differentiated cultural communities within the Latin American area.
- Promotion of intercultural dialogue and respect for cultural diversity acting through multilateral and bilateral routes, directed to their enhancement in those areas where problems are detected, preferably through cooperation with UNESCO and other international organizations.
- Integration of the aims of the Alliance of Civilizations within the activities of Education and Awareness for Development and advancing a Communications Network for the Culture of Peace and Development, focused on the creation and development of a network of professionals at the media and academic and research institutions aimed at advancing mutual knowledge, respect and the positive valuation of diversity and the promotion of a culture of peace.

4.2. Participation of civil society. – The aim of the 2nd PNAC is to advance the participation of civil society enabling the incorporation not only of all the public

institutions, but also of private entities and citizens whose objectives, projects and action plans fall squarely within the initiative of the Alliance of Civilizations. To this end, it will be necessary to promote the adoption of instruments for understanding and participation by the public administrations and the institutions and organizations that form part of civil society.

In order to promote the participation of civil society, special attention will be given to the media and also to the participation of cultural, educational, academic and scientific institutions and organizations, as well as trade unions and business organizations.

The Plan will advance the creation of Networks for the Alliance of Civilizations that will be used to connect together and to give visibility to the activities and projects carried out by public and private institutions.

The Royal Institute Elcano will develop a network of think tanks for the exchange of experiences and knowledge that will enable the strengthening of the Alliance of Civilizations.

In accordance with the guidelines and recommendations of the State Council for Corporate Social Responsibility, the 2nd PNAC will promote projects and actions that will include measures involved with this corporate responsibility so that they may incorporate the values and principles of the Alliance of Civilizations.

The 2nd PNAC will promote specific projects in Spain within the framework of the association between the United Nations Global Compact and the Alliance of Civilizations. The Plan will furthermore pay attention to the promotion of training in intercultural skills within companies, and also to the development of innovative views and proposals bringing together corporate social responsibility and sustainable development.

4.3. Regional and local dimension. – It is especially important to develop the regional and local dimension of the Alliance of Civilizations so that its goals may reach citizens directly. This means promoting the adoption of plans or strategies that incorporate the actions developed in this sphere by the Autonomous Communities and Local Corporations. The Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces is called to play a key role in the 2nd PNAC.

By setting this goal, the Government seeks to enable the incorporation of the initiative's objectives—both regarding cooperation actions and all of its policies linked to the Alliance of Civilizations' spheres of activity—into the areas within the competence of local and regional government.

Managing diversity in local environments requires the development of comprehensive measures and actions for comprehensive social intervention and intercultural mediation. This will be fundamentally reflected in direct actions by multi-disciplinary teams for community intervention in specific neighbourhoods, districts or areas and in the family sphere, as well as training activities for professionals and political leaders in public management and dissemination of resources, action models, and best practices.

5. Spheres of activity

The goals of the 2nd PNAC will be implemented in the following priority spheres:

5.1. Education.–The goal of the 2nd PNAC is to promote the dissemination of the values of the Alliance of Civilizations through the educational system, as well as to foster cooperation, peaceful coexistence, mobility and exchanges in and between schools, both involving teachers and students from different educational systems.

The 2nd Plan will foster the creation, implementation, participation, and promotion of the activities of the International Institute for the Alliance of Civilizations of the United Nations University.

Within the framework of National R&D&i Plan, it will promote scientific, technological and innovation projects and activities linked to the Alliance of Civilizations' principles and spheres of activity.

The Plan will promote the launching of the Observatory on Religious Pluralism; it will foster conducting opinion surveys on religious pluralism and on Spanish society's attitudes and knowledge regarding this plural reality; and it will support teaching about religions and cultures in school, as well as in teacher training.

The Foundation for Pluralism and Coexistence, in coordination with the relevant Ministries, will develop the following projects:

- Producing teaching materials that promote tolerance, respect for pluralism, and positive attitudes towards cultural diversity.
- Incorporating religious pluralism into television programmes.
- Training State Police and Security forces, healthcare professionals and prison staff in religious pluralism and respect for diversity.
- Promoting training systems for foreign religious staff, and fostering a university degree for the training of religious staff of minority faiths.

The 2nd PNAC will promote knowledge of cultural diversity, of tradition, art and expression, as well as help understand and value diversity as something positive and creative. To achieve these goals, the following activities will be carried out: organizing

exhibitions and shows, holding events and awards grants and scholarships, participation in international projects, trips by authors, fairs, sending books, reconstructing symbolic sites, historical excavations, and everything related to signing and implementing international cooperation agreements in the field of culture. The relevant Ministries will coordinate to implement these activities.

The Plan will facilitate the involvement of cultural industries in achieving the Alliance of Civilizations' goals, fostering the development of projects that seek to disseminate Spanish culture—in all its expressions—abroad and promote cultural relations between Spain and other countries, or those intensifying intercultural dialogue.

The Euro-Arab Foundation for Higher Studies will incorporate training, research and cooperation projects, programmes aimed at exchanges of teaching and research staff (Interannual Programme of Euro-Arab Chairs), scientific programmes and programmes for technical assistance, documentation and information. Creating new postgraduate programmes and strengthening existing programmes and their related activities will contribute to economic and social development, through training programmes in senior management, and activities aimed at promoting the values of the Alliance of Civilizations and of culture, enhancing knowledge of civilizations and their history, peace and understanding, and gender equality.

Casa Árabe will support dialogue between the West and the Arab-Muslim world, and will disseminate the cultural, social, political and economic reality of Arab countries in Spain and Europe; and, in general, it will foster better intercultural knowledge, as an essential element in enhancing relations between our societies. It will promote research through a centre devoted to sharing analyses among the social and political actors of the Arab, Spanish and European worlds, and to promoting activities aimed at fostering civic values and a culture of peace that includes respect for diversity and for others.

Casa Sefarad-Israel will promote better understanding of Jewish culture within Spanish society, and will convey to the Jewish diaspora an image of Spain as an open and plural country. It will also facilitate the encounter of Spanish and Israeli civil societies in fields such as education, art, culture, Holocaust remembrance, science and innovation.

Casa Asia will promote programmes on governance and cooperation in Asia, as well as the holding of meetings, seminars and studies on Asian communities in Spain. Working meetings between journalists and representatives of civil society and NGOs working in the areas of the culture of peace, interfaith and intercultural dialogue, gender equality and human rights will contribute to these goals. Casa Asia will organize the annual "East-West Dialogue" meeting.

Casa Mediterráneo will carry out projects to foster better knowledge and strengthen relations between Spain and the societies of Mediterranean countries, as well as

programmes on governance and equality between men and women in the countries around the Mediterranean. It will also set forth strategies that contribute to the conservation and protection of the biodiversity and natural heritage of the Mediterranean, in order to achieve a sustainable future for the Mediterranean, as well as to promote programmes geared at fostering sustainable tourism.

Casa África will promote the development of research and cooperation networks and ties between Spanish and African academic institutions, and it will foster the incorporation of teaching modules on Africa in school syllabuses.

Casa América will organize debates that highlight the value of education as a generator of social cohesion and citizenship, and it will promote the opening of spaces for raising awareness of the value of respect for diversity in the context of interethnic relations.

Instituto Cervantes, within its Centres' cultural programmes, will carry out activities linked to the Alliance of Civilizations. It will incorporate into its teaching materials elements that present the positive aspects of cultural diversity and dialogue between cultures and ways of thinking.

The Menéndez Pelayo International University will continue to organize international meetings on dialogue between cultures. Through courses and seminars, meetings of experts and academic exchanges, it will promote the Alliance's goals. It will continue to conduct research projects, together with the Library of Alexandria. It will sponsor encounters between City Councils from both sides of the Strait of Gibraltar.

5.2. Youth.— As regards youth policies, the 2nd PNAC seeks to foster projects and actions aimed at promoting, among young people, better mutual understanding and contacts between different cultures and traditions, in order to further respect for human rights and cultural diversity.

The 2nd PNAC will support youth associations and their social participation, as well as foster programmes that empower and promote equal opportunities for young men and women.

It will promote the implementation of agreements on young people's rights, particularly the draft African Convention on Young People's Rights.

It will promote the adoption of specific measures, especially within the sphere of education, aimed at favouring the integration of the children of immigrants, by developing inclusive policies to enable equal opportunities in a diversified society:

- Extracurricular educational programmes which promote integration and intercultural coexistence.

- Programmes for learning the language and culture of the host country, programmes aimed at preserving the culture of the country of origin, and intercultural educational actions.
- Programmes aimed at awareness-raising and at promoting equal treatment and non-discrimination.
- Programmes of diagnosis and analysis, creating spaces for dialogue and sharing experiences and best practices.

It will support programmes for Young Cooperation Workers, and development cooperation programmes aimed at vocational training and incorporation into the labour market.

It will foster the Master Plan for peaceful coexistence and improved school safety, enabling the development of a more democratic school environment, increasing children's and teenagers' confidence, and encouraging the exercise of their freedoms.

Casa Mediterráneo will develop youth programmes that promote the values of cooperation, solidarity and non-discrimination around the Mediterranean.

Casa África will foster better mutual understanding via cultural activities and solidarity exchange programmes aimed at young people.

Casa América will organize activities and workshops focusing on values of solidarity, peace, diversity, sustainable development, human rights and good governance in democracy, around the axis of the relation between Latin America and Spain.

5.3. Migration.– As regards migration, the 2nd PNAC will promote the actions of the Spanish Observatory on Racism and Xenophobia, created by virtue of Organic Law 4/2000, of 11 January, on the Rights and Freedoms of Aliens in Spain and their Social Integration, which has been assigned functions of study and analysis, and has the power to propose actions regarding the fight against racism and xenophobia.

The Observatory will provide instruments to ascertain factors should be taken into account when assessing actions regarding equal treatment for immigrants and their non-discrimination based on racial or ethnic origin. In this respect, the Observatory must offer an approach, valid for the whole of Spain, to the situation of racism and xenophobia, systematizing information and combining the different initiatives in this area, encouraging coordination, synergies and the transfer of best practices among the different players in the field of combating racism and xenophobia.

Within the framework of the Strategic Plan for Citizenship and Integration, the 2nd PNAC will promote the development of actions aimed at awareness-raising and

combating racism and xenophobia, especially in the educational and socio-cultural spheres, emphasizing shared values, intercultural dialogue, and the prevention of forms of discrimination and racial or ethnic violence. Specifically, the following lines of action will be supported:

- Initiatives and programmes aimed at managing diversity in the local sphere, as well as at promoting active participation of the immigrant population in all aspects of social life and public affairs.
- Actions supporting immigrant women, to promote their participation and leadership in their respective communities and in Spanish society in general.
- Measures to prevent gender violence through the empowerment and protection of immigrant women.
- Actions aimed at strengthening equal opportunities between migrant men and women, promoting the development of women's rights within the immigrants' cultures of origin.

The Plan will promote projects to combat racism, xenophobia and intolerance in the educational and cultural spheres, emphasizing the prevention of discrimination and ethnic or racial violence, bearing in mind the following aspects:

- Designing, developing and implementing Local Awareness-Raising Plans aimed at promoting equal opportunities and treatment, involving public and private institutions and local and regional agencies.
- Extracurricular educational programmes promoting mutual understanding, respect for diversity, encouraging intercultural coexistence and fostering equal opportunities and the fight against racism and xenophobia.
- Promoting, preserving and disseminating the cultures and languages of origin, as well as fostering knowledge of the cultures and languages of the host country among immigrant communities.
- Incentivizing intercultural dialogue and intercommunity relations by promoting spaces for citizens' coexistence, mainly spaces for leisure and free time, especially envisaging the participation of immigrant women.
- Programmes of study, research and training of professionals on migrations and interculturality and combating racism, xenophobia and intolerance from a gender perspective.

With regard to improving security in a diverse context, the Plan will promote training actions for State Police and Security forces in the values of the Alliance of Civilizations. It will support the «Strait of Gibraltar Crossing» Operation, as it serves as a bridge between two continents, their peoples and their cultures, managed with a diversity approach and in accordance with the principles of the Alliance.

The 2nd PNAC will continue to promote opinion surveys on the Muslim community of immigrant origin in Spain, and in general on immigration.

It will continue to support immigrants' associations and their social participation, as well as foster programs that empower and promote equal opportunities for immigrant men and women.

Within the framework of the Support Fund for the Reception and Integration of Immigrants, the 2nd PNAC will promote the following actions:

- Training programmes for professionals in the field of assistance and management of diversity within the educational sphere.
- Training programmes for intercultural youth mediators; Training youth information network professionals in working with immigrants; transfer of knowledge and best practices.
- Training programmes in equal treatment and non-discrimination for public servants and organization heads.
- Programmes in management of intercultural coexistence: social and neighbourhood mediation; conflict management and prevention.

5.4. The media.– The 2nd PNAC will promote the responsible use of the media and combat entertainment programmes that foster hostile, violent, discriminatory or racist perceptions and stereotypes. The Spanish media, as regards dialogue among civilizations, have a two-fold responsibility: promoting better understanding of other cultures among Spanish citizens and all of Spain's inhabitants, and also promoting better understanding of Spanish culture in other countries.

The role of the media will be promoted, as agents for conflict prevention and for the peaceful resolution of such conflicts, and as active agents for education and dissemination of positive and enriching values, expanding spaces that foster intercultural understanding and religious pluralism.

Also promoted will be the incorporation of activities and instruments that provide adequate knowledge of the international and social reality, as well as of managing diversity and of media education and literacy into the programmes and syllabuses of schools and university in the fields of training teachers and Information Science specialists in accordance with the current syllabuses. The intercultural training of professionals that contribute to the production of television series and radio programmes will also be encouraged.

Also promoted will be the signing of collaboration agreements with associations and federations of editors, of the press, of radio, of television and of other communication and information media, in order to develop the following aspects:

- Promoting the annual production of an insert, to be distributed in the print media by those newspapers that join the initiative.
- Fostering the exchange of journalists so that they learn about other cultures, and so that those from other countries learn about Spanish reality.

- Broadcasting commercials and special programmes that disseminate the values and actions of the Alliance of Civilizations.
- A privately-sponsored Alliance of Civilizations Media Award will be established, for press, radio, television, the Internet and publicity, acknowledging the work of professionals.
- A privately-sponsored proposal will be drawn up for commercial publishers to publish an Alliance of Civilizations Library.

The role of television and radio stations is fundamental for mutual understanding between cultures and to promote a positive view of cultural diversity. Given its global reach, RTVE International takes centre stage in the external projection of the values defended by the Alliance of Civilizations.

The new technologies, especially satellite television and the Internet, offer the opportunity of being a meeting point and a channel for people from diverse cultures. Social networks have created a channel for people's direct communication and knowledge. All this can help foster 'citizen diplomacy', the direct interaction between citizens of different countries and cultures. Spain will foster the creation of an Alliance of Civilizations 2.0 Web Portal.

Spain will promote greater participation in the Rapid Response Media Mechanism (RRMM), with the Alliance of Civilizations Secretariat in New York. The participation of Spanish and Latin American professionals and experts in the Global Expert Finder will be intensified. This Mechanism will be publicized among Spanish media professionals, and its version in Spanish will also be promoted.

6. Organization

The 2nd PNAC has a medium- and long-term strategic focus, so it is valid for a four-year period (2010-2014), notwithstanding the fact that a biennial evaluation of its activities will be carried out.

The actions and projects that the different institutions may incorporate into the 2nd PNAC will be linked to the actions envisaged in the Plan. The following criteria will be applied in selecting projects:

- Feasibility, visibility and concrete practical implementation.
- Interest for other countries, or global vocation with the possibility of being extended to other areas.
- Participation of non-governmental associations and institutions, and of institutions at the local level.
- Participation of public or private institutions from different religious and cultural spheres.

Each Ministry, within two months, will approve an action plan including the specific projects, programmes and activities to be implemented, and also those corresponding to the 1st Plan but which, due to their characteristics, must continue or have not been started. Without prejudice to the competences of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in relation to the Alliance of Civilizations initiative, the Coordinator of the National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations will be responsible for providing unified criteria to government action, and will be the contact point for those in charge of each Ministry's action plans, as well as those that may be established by other Public Administrations or other Institutions.

In order to coordinate the Plan, the General State Administration has established a Coordinating Committee, composed of representatives of each Ministry, and a Support and Monitoring Committee, made up of the scientific, academic, cultural and social organizations and institutions directly participating in the Plan. The Office of the plan will have the necessary resources to achieve its ends.

Each Ministry's Action Plan, after having received a favourable report from the Ministry of Economy and Finance and reports from the Ministries with competences in the Plan's areas of action where its projects are inserted, will—within the framework of the General State Administration's Austerity Plan for the 2011-2013 period—include a report stating the economic impact of the specific actions that are to be implemented.

These actions will be funded with the credits effectively available to each Ministry; for the 2010 tax year, they may not constitute a net increase in expenditure, and they must be implemented pursuant to the provisions of the immediate Action Plan for 2010.

Regarding the other tax years in which the 2nd National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations is valid, the allocations for each Ministry's Action Plan must be established within the resources assigned to each Ministry given the budget scenario approved by the Government pursuant to the General State Administration's Austerity Plan for 2011-2013.

Information about the 2nd PNAC will be published at the www.pnac.es website. Each Ministry's homepage will include a specific link to the Alliance of Civilizations.

After two years, under the direction of the National Coordinator, a review will be conducted of the implementation of the 2nd PNAC and its perspectives for the following two years, evaluating, in particular, the following aspects:

- a) Incorporation of the different Public Administrations and all of Spanish society into the 2nd PNAC.
 - Participation of local government.

- Presence of projects linked to non-profit-making, association-based organizations and institutions.
- Projects promoted by academic and scientific institutions.

b) Development and visibility of projects and actions by public and private institutions whose goals coincide with the Alliance of Civilizations:

- Projects aimed at fostering mutual understanding and appreciation of diversity, and which promote the understanding and promotion of civic values and a culture of peace, implemented in the Alliance's main fields of action: education, youth, migration and the media.
- Projects linked to equality policies, especially those aimed at equal opportunities and at Corporate Social Responsibility.