



From: United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
To: Participants of the UNAOC Group of Friends Meeting
Date, venue: Wednesday, 29 June 2016, TRI Chamber, CB, UNHQs, New York

DRAFT Programme

14:45 – 15:00, arrival of participants to the venue

15:00 – 16:00 Opening Session

- The United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations chairs the meeting, welcomes participants and delivers opening remarks on the *Outcomes of the 7th UNAOC Global Forum in Baku, Azerbaijan*;
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Abulfas Garayev, Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Host Country, 7th UNAOC Global Forum;
- Remarks by the co-sponsors (Turkey and Spain);
- The 8th UNAOC Global Forum and Host Country obligations

16:00 – 17:30 General Discussion

As per the list of speakers.

17:30 – 17:45 Closing Session

- Concluding remarks by the United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations.

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Agenda

1) Outcomes of the 7th UNAOC Global Forum

On 25-27 April 2016, UNAOC and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan organized the 7th UNAOC Global Forum in Baku. In the course of the three-day event, a series of thematic breakout and plenary sessions, as well as networking sessions led by UNAOC partners, and the High Level Meeting of the Group of Friends took place. All commitments, announcements and recommendations, generated in the context of the Forum, formed official outcomes, which UNAOC will pursue and ensure they are mainstreamed into its future programming. The High Representative will brief the Group of Friends on the outcomes and their implementation by UNAOC in the coming months. He has invited the Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan to deliver remarks on this topic.

2) 8th UNAOC Global Forum

The High Representative invited member states of the Group of Friends to consider hosting the next Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations. A letter, addressed to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of member states, which have not hosted the Forums in the past, was issued on 20 May 2016 and sent to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York. During the Group of Friends meeting, delegations will be briefed on the scope and objectives of the UNAOC Global Forums, obligations and responsibilities of UNAOC and the Host Country, timeline of preparations and other organizational matters. UNAOC office arranges bilateral consultations on this issue with all interested Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York upon request.

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