



## **THE SIXTH GLOBAL FORUM OF THE UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS**

### **UNITY IN DIVERSITY: CELEBRATING DIVERSITY FOR COMMON AND SHARED VALUES**

**29-30 August 2014  
BALI, INDONESIA**

We, the Heads of state and Government and the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegation of States belonging to the Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations;

Together with the Director Generals and other Heads of Delegation of international organizations also belonging to the Group of Friends of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations;

On the occasion of the Sixth Global Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations, held in Bali, Indonesia, on 29th and 30th August 2014, preceded by a Global Youth Event as well as other side events organized by UNAOC partners held on 28th August 2014;

Reaffirming our commitment to the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as other relevant international instruments, such as the UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, and reaffirming the importance of the goals and principles cited in the High Level Group Report;

Emphasizing the importance of all Human Rights for the advancement of the goals of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations including the freedom of thought, conscience and religion in accordance with its mandate and International Law;

Recognizing that all cultures, civilizations and religions contribute to the enrichment of humankind;

Convinced that the world's cultural diversity is a wealth to be cherished by all as a factor of peace and development among all nations;

Recognizing that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and wellbeing of their societies, and that any racial discrimination or religious intolerance is incompatible with the fundamental objectives of the UNAOC;

Reaffirming that, in addition to our separate responsibilities to our individual societies, we have a collective responsibility to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity at the global level;

Acknowledging United Nations' General Assembly Resolution 64/14 of 10 November 2009, adopted by consensus, which recognizes and welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and expresses support for its practical projects;

Recognizing that the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations will continue addressing, within its mandate, the prevailing global political and social situation in acting together with all on-going initiatives which will contribute to generate renewed hope for a better and peaceful future. In this respect, the Alliance seeks to address fault lines among societies and communities by reaffirming a paradigm of cultural diversity based on mutual respect, understanding and cohesiveness;

Recalling the UNGA Resolutions 68/126 on the Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace and 68/170 on the Freedom of religion or belief and acknowledging the valuable contribution that interreligious and intercultural dialogue can make to improve awareness and understanding of the common values shared by all human kind including tolerance, pluralism and mutual respect, and expressing our support for the diverse initiatives taken by many countries and regions towards advancing such dialogue;

Recalling UNGA Resolution 36/55 of 25 November 1981, proclaiming the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, and reaffirming the subsequent UNGA and Human Rights Council resolutions on the freedom of religion or belief and on combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, discrimination, incitement to violence and violence against persons based on religion or belief, including UNGA Resolutions 68/169 and 68/170 and UNHRC Resolutions 16/13 and 16/18 of March 2011;

Recalling UNGA Resolution 68/125 on “Follow-up to the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace”, and inviting Member States to continue to place greater emphasis on promoting a culture of peace at the national, regional and international levels to ensure that peace and non-violence are fostered at all levels;

Welcoming UNGA Resolution 67/104 of 17 December 2012, which proclaimed the period 2013-2022 as International Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures and which offers Member States an opportunity to enhance their activities relating to interreligious and intercultural dialogue, the promotion of tolerance and mutual understanding, as well as the promotion of moderation as a value within society for countering extremism while ensuring the protection and promotion of all human rights for all persons;

Reaffirming the important role of UNESCO and other international organizations in promoting these values and the need to develop closer cooperation between them in particular the interaction and coordination with the United Nations system;

Acknowledging the leadership and contributions of the members of the Group of Friends, in particular the founding co-sponsors Spain and Turkey, as well as the other previous host countries of UNAOC Global Forums; to Spain for The First Global Forum, held in Madrid in January 2008; to Turkey, for the Second Global Forum, held in Istanbul in April 2009; to Brazil for the Third Global Forum, held in Rio in May 2010; to Qatar for the Fourth Global Forum, held in Doha in December 2011; and to Austria for the Fifth Global Forum, held in Vienna in February 2013;

Reaffirming our support for the UNAOC and its High Representative;

Acknowledging the launch of initiatives that seek to enable, empower and encourage dialogue among followers of different religions and cultures around the world, such as the Alliance of Civilizations Institute in Istanbul, Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue in Vienna, the Istanbul Process on the implementation of HRC Resolution 16/18, the World Forum on Inter-Cultural Dialogue held in Baku 2011 and 2013 under UNGA Resolution 62/90 and Rabat Plan of Action, elaborated

under the auspices of the OHCHR as well as the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures, and other related initiatives and activities;

Welcoming the continuing efforts made by the United Nations Secretary-General and the High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, to promote greater understanding and respect among civilizations, cultures and religions, by means such as concrete projects in the priority areas of youth, education, media and migration, in collaboration with Governments, international and regional organizations, the private sector, media institutions, foundations and civil society in general;

Acknowledging the efforts made by High Representative Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser since he assumed the leadership of the Alliance of Civilizations in February 2013 to enhance the Alliance, enlarge its membership and develop local, national and regional actions on the ground at a global scale involving a wide range of stake-holders, partners and constituencies;

Mindful of the increasing visibility of the UNAOC including among the United Nations system and its collaboration with United Nations agencies, departments and other bodies and its increasing interaction with the Group of Friends, civil society organizations and academia;

Reaffirming that at a time of global changes when our world is more interdependent than ever, it is crucial to reaffirm the importance of common and shared values as a unifying factor in a world facing multiple challenges to coexistence;

Praising Indonesia, as the host country of the 6th Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, for focusing the Bali Forum on the overarching theme of "Unity in Diversity: Celebrating Diversity for Common and Shared Values" and reaffirming the importance of common and shared values as a unifying factor in a multi-divergent world as well as bringing to the fora new themes for discussions at the break-out sessions such as (i) "Promoting harmony through interreligious and cross-cultural education"; (ii) "Media conversation across lines"; (iii) "Social inclusion and migration: developments for post-2015"; (iv) "Youth participation in peace building agenda"; (v) "The role of culture in the formulation of new sustainable development"; (vi) "Harnessing the positive power of social media"; (vii) "Fostering understanding through the power of sports, arts, music and entertainment"; (viii) "Perception of migration: how to change the narratives about migrants?"; (ix) "The use of interreligious and intercultural approaches to advance the broader interests of mediation in conflict"; (x) "The role of women in fostering understanding among cultures" and a debate on media coverage of migration;

Acknowledging the unique opportunity created by the Bali Forum to further deepen the regional approach that the UNAOC has been developing over the past years, namely in the Mediterranean, the Arab Region, South Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Asia and South Pacific, as well as to open new avenues for cooperation in the Danube and Black Sea Region, the Southern Caucasus and Central Asia;

Welcoming the Preparatory Conference for the Sixth United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Global Forum and Annual United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Focal Points Meeting, which was held in Doha, Qatar from 29-30 April 2014, and its Outcome Document (Doha Declaration);

1. Welcome the new members of the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations;
2. Reiterate our commitment to the advancement of the goals and principles of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations as cited in the founding Report presented by the High Level Group in 2006;

3. Recognize the pioneering role of the UNAOC in mainstreaming its four pillars, namely; Youth, Education, Media, Migration as well as the new priorities designated by the High Representative such as Sustainable Development, Arts, Sports and Entertainment as human expressions participating in global efforts of cross-cultural agenda and broader United Nations processes, such as conflict prevention and mediation where appropriate and within its mandate;
4. Stress the importance of implementing the UNAOC's goals at a national level through the implementation of actions at country level or through National Strategies for intercultural dialogue, with the active leadership of governments in collaboration with civil society as appropriate;
5. Salute regional processes aimed at increasing intercultural dialogue and cooperation among countries, in particular:
  - the presentation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Action Plan of the Mediterranean;
  - the Fez Program of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean aimed at fostering mutual cooperation and understanding amongst the Parliamentary Assembly for the Mediterranean Member region as a whole;
  - the 2<sup>nd</sup> Action Plan for South-Eastern Europe;
  - the conclusion of the Regional Strategy for Latin America endorsed by Ministers and representatives of the region;
  - the launch of a regional debate on the Danube and Black Sea Region, the Southern Caucasus and Central Asia;
  - the adoption of a Regional Arab Strategy forged by the League of Arab States.
6. Reiterate the support for the priorities of the High Representative, his Strategic Plan (2013-2018); and reaffirm our commitment to the four pillars of the UNAOC's activities identified in the High-level Group Report, specifically Youth, Education, Media and Migration as well as the new focus areas identified by the High Representative;
7. Support the High Representative to continue programming within these recognized four pillars of activity as well as other aspects underscored in the High-level Group Report, with a view to advance UNAOC's ability to serve as an instrument for preventing violence and fostering reconciliation, as well as to instil values of moderation, in particular, in the context of identity-based tensions and conflicts;
8. Encourage the Alliance of Civilizations to continue addressing, within its mandate, the prevailing global political and social situations by acting on initiatives, which will contribute, to generating renewed hope for a better and peaceful future. In this respect, the UNAOC will continue to address fault lines among societies and communities by reaffirming a paradigm of cultural diversity based on the Human Rights of all individuals, mutual respect, understanding and cohesiveness;
9. Acknowledge the natural and cultural diversity of the world and recognize that all cultures and civilizations can contribute to sustainable development, and therefore, welcome the decision of the High Representative to include the concept of sustainable development, integrating its economic, social and environmental dimensions, as a new focus area of the UNAOC, as a way to fulfill its mandate and objectives;
10. Emphasize the close link between the values and goals of the UNAOC and democratic processes and express support for the strengthening of this link through projects and activities of the Alliance of Civilizations;

11. Recognize that peace, stability, intercultural harmony and sustainable development are closely interlinked and mutually reinforcing, as key factors to accomplishing an environment conducive to prosperity and Human Rights;
12. Support the role of the UNAOC as an advocate and promoter of new and creative approaches that advance intercultural and interreligious dialogue across sectors with the active and equal participation of both men and women;
13. Recognize the important contribution to the debates given by the youth and welcome their commitment to lead by example in the promotion of common and shared values through involvement in the UNAOC's activities related to education, media and migration;
14. Recognize the important contribution of the UNAOC's work with partners in developing and launching in Bali of a media-friendly glossary on covering migration;
15. Acknowledge the importance of the annual Global Forums, involving the Group of Friends and partners, together with leading personalities of various areas, including the participation of youth and civil society as a means to promote the Alliance of Civilizations' ownership by all stakeholders and reach out to the grassroots;
16. Acknowledge the significance of the continued financial commitments made by the Group of Friends, as well as other forms of support, and stress the ongoing need for the continuation of such financial support;
17. Recognize that the Alliance of Civilizations grows stronger with better governance through increased programmatic and financial reporting and through strengthened consultation with the Group of Friends and Focal Points;
18. Extend our gratitude to the Government and people of Indonesia, in particular to the Bali Island, for convening the present Sixth Global Forum in the period 29-30 August, 2014;
19. Call upon the full implementation of the announcements and commitments agreed in Bali;
20. Express our conviction that the Bali Forum has achieved its main objective of making the UNAOC a truly global undertaking, with universal aims and raising awareness to the urgent need to promote responsible leadership in all fields of action.

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