



United Nations Alliance of Civilizations



**MESSAGE FROM UNITED NATIONS HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ALLIANCE OF  
CIVILIZATIONS ON THE WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK**

*(From 1 to 7 February 2012)*

Dear friends,

The UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) seeks to reduce tensions across cultural divides that threaten stability and peace among and between communities and societies. The Alliance welcomes efforts by states, civil society, and other actors to build trust and respect among diverse communities – including among religions.

We therefore welcome the UN General Assembly's unanimous adoption on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, of a Resolution establishing the World Interfaith Harmony Week, upon an initial proposal by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan on September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010.

We note that the intent of the resolution is to be broad and inclusive, bringing together people of all religions, faiths, and beliefs.

We urge members of the Alliance of Civilizations, partners, civil society organizations, faith communities, universities, youth, and other sectors to visit the website established by the Jordanian government at [www.worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com](http://www.worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com) to learn more about the initiative and investigate ways in which they may promote the initiative, support it or get involved.

Furthermore, you will find enclosed two notes prepared by the Secretariat of the Alliance that provides you with an overview of the initiative - please disseminate them to your own constituencies and partners. I thank you in advance for your kind collaboration.

Sincerely,