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
20th, 2010, of a Resolution establishing the World Interfaith Harmony Week, upon an
initial proposal by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan on September 23rd 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 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,