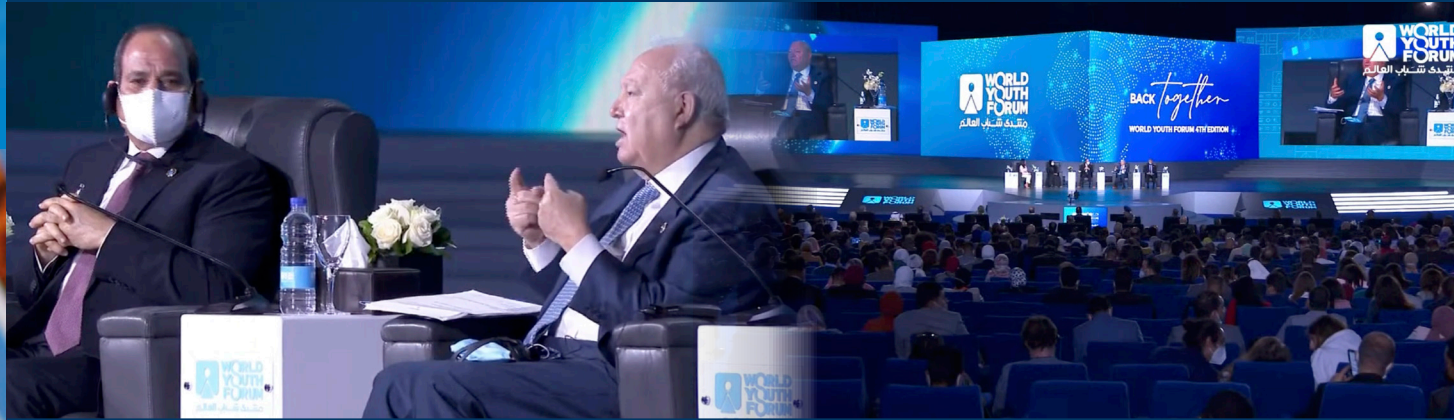


The High Representative participates in the World Youth Forum in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt



H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt

The High Representative for UNAOC, Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, participated in the opening session of the 4th edition of the **World Youth Forum (WYF)** in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, under the theme “**Covid-19: A Warning to Humanity and New Hope**”. The President of Egypt, H.E. Mr. **Abdel Fattah El-Sisi** participated in the interactive discussion in the opening session. In his intervention, Mr. Moratinos stated that WYF is considered to be a bridge for communication between youth and all officials to bring perspectives closer, understand each other, and find common ground. “We owe the youth this opportunity to have this intergenerational dialogue,” he said. The High Representative echoed Mr. El-Sisi’s call “to save humanity”.

The High Representative also spoke in a session on “**Global Peace and Security in a Post-Pandemic World**”. The High Representative congratulated Egypt for presiding over the 15th session of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission which reflects the confidence of the international community in Egypt’s robust diplomacy in supporting the UN peacebuilding structure since 2005.

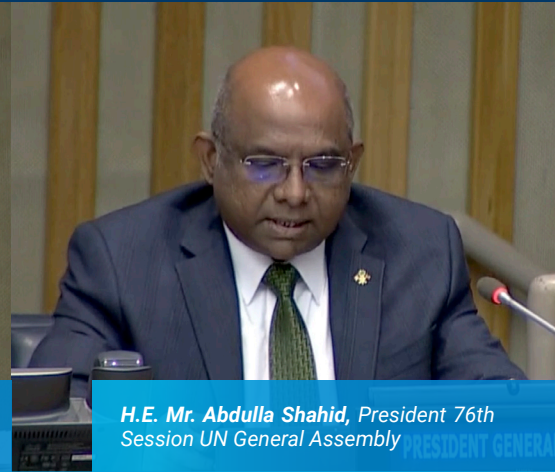
On the margins of the forum, Mr. Moratinos gave a number of interviews including **Al Ahram Weekly**, **Al Ahram Hebdo**, **Sawt El Ouma**, and **Youm 7**, about the World Youth Forum, the world post Covid-19 and reviving Humanity. (10-13 January)



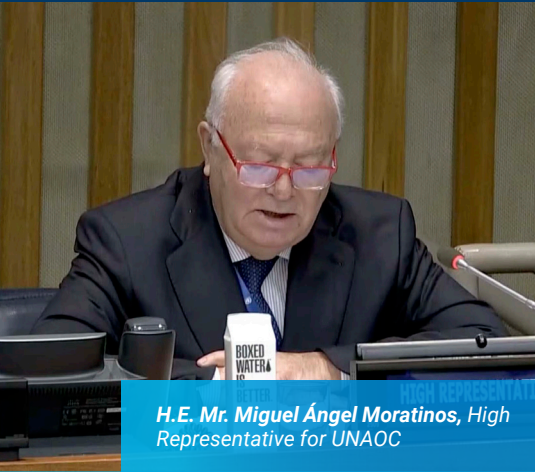
Paying Tribute to H.E. President Jorge Sampaio, former President of the Portuguese Republic, the first High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)



H.E. Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General



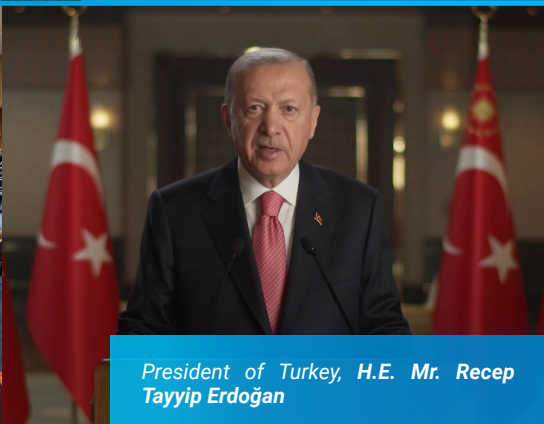
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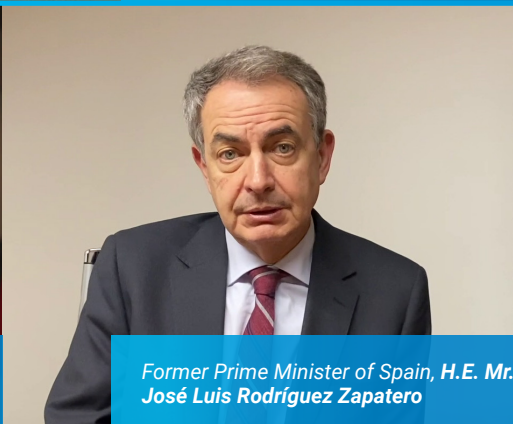
H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, High Representative for UNAOC



Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal, **H.E. Mr. Augusto Santos Silva**



President of Turkey, **H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**



Former Prime Minister of Spain, **H.E. Mr. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero**



Head of the Civilian Household of President Sampaio, **Amb. José Filipe Moraes Cabral**

A Tribute to the Memory of
H.E. President Jorge Sampaio
(September 18, 1939 – September 10, 2021)
 Monday, 6 Dec 2021, 1:30 PM, Conference Room 4, UNHQ, New York

#SolidarityIsADuty

An event co-organized by the **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)** and the **Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations**

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the **Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations** co-organized a commemorative event, to pay tribute to the memory of **H.E. President Jorge Sampaio**, former President of the Portuguese Republic, the first High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and UN Special Envoy to Stop Tuberculosis. The in-person event saw a high-level participation including the **Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr. António Guterres**, **H.E. Mr. Augusto Santos Silva**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal; **H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid**, President of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. The President of Turkey, **H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**, and Former Prime Minister of Spain, **H.E. Mr. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero**, participated in the ceremony sending inspiring and powerful video messages. **Mr. José Filipe Moraes Cabral**, Head of the Civilian Household of President Sampaio and former PR of Portugal to the UN, also addressed the event via a video message.

Echoing President Sampaio's own words **#SolidarityIsADuty**, participants representing regional groups solemnly honored his legacy of civic and political achievements, as well as his profound humanity and compassion. (6 December)

HIGHLIGHTS: MEETINGS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS



H.E. Amb. Antje Leendertse, Permanent Representative of Germany to the UN



Mr. Movses Abelian, USG for General Assembly and Conference Management



H.E. Amb. Omar Hilale, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN



Ms. Leah Pizar, President Executive Committee and Mr. Abe Radkin, Executive Director of ALADDIN

The High-Representative for UNAOC, Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, held extensive meetings with a number of senior officials to discuss UNAOC upcoming activities, future collaboration, and common goals aimed at promoting mutual understanding, diversity and intercultural cooperation. Officials included **H.E. Ambassador Antje Leendertse**, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations; **H.E. Ambassador Omar Hilale**, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations; **Mr. Movses Abelian**, Under-Secretary-General for the General Assembly and Conference Management; **Ms. Leah Pizar**, President of the Executive Committee of ALADDIN; and **Mr. Abe Radkin**, Executive Director of ALADDIN.



The High Representative participated in the meeting of **Secretary-General H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres**, with the **Higher-Committee of Human Fraternity (HCHF)**, aimed to discuss ways to enhance cooperation in promoting human fraternity. Mr. Moratinos welcomed collaboration with HCHF to cooperate in implementing its inspiring initiatives, stressing his confidence that this cooperation will soon bear fruit in various fields, particularly in the field of training young people for leadership and providing them with skills of dialogue and constructive communication.

The meeting was attended by **Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam**, Secretary-General of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity and members of the committee **Cardinal Miguel Ayuso Guixot**, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue at the Holy See; **Dr. Mohamed Al-Mahasawi**, President of Al-Azhar University; **Ms. Irina Bokova**, Former Director-General of UNESCO; and **Rabbi Bruce Lustig**, Senior Rabbi of Washington Hebrew and were joined by **Ms. Latifa bin Ziaten**, winner of Zayed Award for Human Fraternity. More elaborate discussions continued with the members of the HCHF and UNAOC staff (7 December)



Mr. Moratinos and the members of the Higher Committee for Human Fraternity, at the UNAOC office in New York

The High Representative for UNAOC, **Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos**, and **Ms. Nihal Saad**, Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson to the High Representative for UNAOC, received **Board Members of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center** at the UNAOC office in New York. Substantive discussions were conducted on means of collaboration especially in the areas of conflict prevention and conflict resolution. (9 December)



Mr. Moratinos and Ms. Nihal Saad with the Board Members of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center



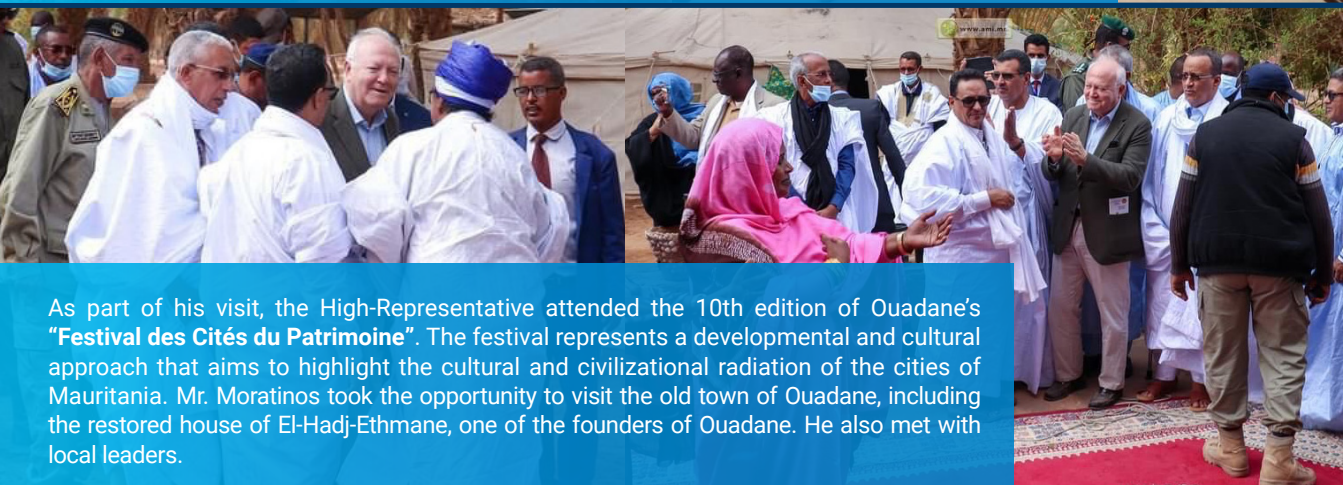
The High Representative makes official visit to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania



During his official visit to Mauritania, the High Representative for UNAOC, **H.E Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos**, was received by **H.E. Mr. Mohamed Ould Cheikh El-Ghazwani**, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, and **H.E. Mr. Ismael Ould Cheikh Ahmed**, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The meeting took place in Nouakchott. (December 14)



Mr. Moratinos visiting the restored house of El-Hadj-Ethmane in Ouadane



As part of his visit, the High-Representative attended the 10th edition of Ouadane's **"Festival des Cités du Patrimoine"**. The festival represents a developmental and cultural approach that aims to highlight the cultural and civilizational radiation of the cities of Mauritania. Mr. Moratinos took the opportunity to visit the old town of Ouadane, including the restored house of El-Hadj-Ethmane, one of the founders of Ouadane. He also met with local leaders.



HIGHLIGHTS: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND EVENTS



The High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, H.E Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, lit the **4th Menorah Candle at a Hanukkah celebration** organized by the **World Jewish Congress**. (2 December)



Mr. Moratinos spoke during a high-level panel at the **7th edition of Rome MED – Mediterranean Dialogues**, inaugurated and organized by H.E Mr. Mario Draghi, Prime Minister of Italy; H.E Mr. Luigi Di Maio, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; together with **Ambassador Giampiero Massolo**, President of the Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI). (3 December)



At the **Annual United Nations Correspondent Association (UNCA) Awards**, Mr. Moratinos presented the **“Ricardo Ortega Memorial Prize for excellent coverage of the United Nations, UN agencies and field operations”**, an award sponsored by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC). In 2021, the Prize was bestowed to journalists **Stephanie Maupas** from Le Monde; **James Bay** from Al Jazeera England; and **Uzmi Athar** from Press Trust of India. (8 December)



Ms. Azza Karam, Secretary General of Religions for Peace, and Mr. Moratinos



Ms. Nihal Saad, Chief of Cabinet of UNAOC moderated the event.

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and **Religions for Peace** co-hosted a discussion under the theme **“Faith and Diplomacy: Strategic Reflections on Religiously Inspired Global Efforts to Building Peaceful and Just Societies”**, which featured religious leaders, Member States, faith-based organizations, academic representatives, youth, diplomats, and other officials. In his remarks, the High Representative for UNAOC, **Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos**, highlighted the importance of ensuring that cultural and religious dimensions are an integral part of conflict analysis and diplomatic strategies using pandemic challenges as fertile ground to strengthen the nexus between faith and diplomacy. “In the current context of international relations, characterized by an increasingly global and complex world, the interplay between faith and diplomacy is not an option, but a necessity,” he stated. The event was chaired by H.E Mr. Miguel Moratinos and **Ms. Azza Karam**, Secretary General of Religions for Peace, and was moderated by **Ms. Nihal Saad**, Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson to the High Representative for UNAOC. (10 December)



The High Representative for UNAOC, Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos, participated in the 8th edition of the **Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-based Organizations in International Affairs**. In his remarks, Mr. Moratinos highlighted the important role of the United Nations, governments, academia, faith-based organizations, and civil society in combating the urgent and pervasive scourge of racism. “Addressing and combating racism in its different manifestations requires a whole of society approach involving all major actors involved,” he stated. (25 January)



The High Representative addressed in a video message a special event organized by the **King Salman International Complex for Arabic Language (KSICAL)**, in cooperation with the **Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations**, under the theme **“Arabic Language and Cultural Communication”**, in celebration of **World Arabic Language Day**. Ms. **Nihal Saad**, Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson to the High Representative, represented UNAOC in the event. The celebration was held under the patronage of **Prince Badr bin Abdullah Bin Farhan**, Minister of Culture, who is also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of King Salman International Complex for Arabic Language. Various international leaders from the United Nations, a number of ministers, officials and heads of permanent delegations attended the event, such as **H.E Mr. Abdullah Shahid**, President of the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly and **H.E Mr. Abdullah bin Yahya Al-Mouallimi**, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations. (20 December)



The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) jointly organized with **ISESCO**, **ADA University** and the **Ministry of Culture of Azerbaijan**, the **Peace4Culture Partners Forum** in Baku. The event was attended by the leadership and representatives of a number of international organizations, global institutions specializing in promoting peace, local government agencies and the diplomatic corps. Within the framework of the forum, panel sessions were held on discussing the aim of the peace for culture through the following topics: “Think Not Just What Culture can do for Peace, but also What Peace can do for Culture”; “How do we Strengthen Sustainably, Peaceful Societies and International Peace System?”; and “The Peace and Security Challenges: Building Multilateral Cooperation”. (2 December)



The High Representative for UNAOC, **Mr. Moratinos**, addressed the opening ceremony of the **Lisbon Forum 2021**, under the theme **“Intercultural Dialogue in the Infodemic Era”**. Referencing the forum slogan **“Break your Bubble”**, which turns the spotlight on the concept of **“infodemic”**, Mr. Moratinos stated in his remarks: **“COVID-19 forced people into smaller social bubbles...with fewer opportunities to challenge existing worldviews. Racism, xenophobia, and discrimination have been exacerbated. The pandemic is eroding the already fragile global solidarity.”** (9 December)



UNAOC and **Fundación Mujeres Por Africa** jointly organized another interactive webinar as part of the ongoing series on **“Women and Mediation in Intercultural and Interreligious Conflicts”**. The series is part of their joint initiative, **Women’s Alliance for Peace**, to support the role of women as peace mediators and negotiators in conflicts with a sociocultural and religious dimension. Women mediators from Mali and the Central African Republic participated in the discussion. They explored the socio-cultural challenges in the multidimensional crises in both countries with a focus on the challenges that women mediators face at the local level. (26 January)

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

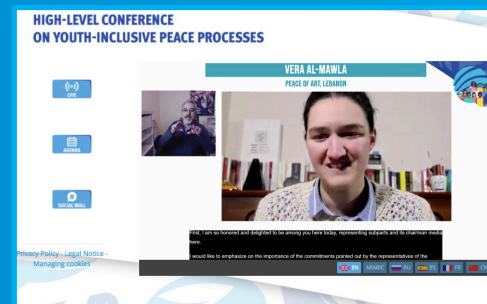


The High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), Mr. Miguel Moratinos, and the Director-General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Mr. António Vitorino, announced the winners of their joint initiative, the PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival, during an annual awards ceremony that took place virtually for the second time due to the current pandemic. Ms. Melissa Fleming, UN Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, also participated in the event via a pre-recorded message. Selected for their thought-provoking and inspiring coverage of migration, diversity, social inclusion and xenophobia, the winning videos were chosen among hundreds of submissions from more than 50 countries across the world.

“Through its Special Awards and the awards given by the distinguished partner organizations, the PLURAL+ Youth Video Festival recognizes the youth’s power and potential to be drivers of social change, advocating for a world where all the different cultures, religions and peoples can live together, free from xenophobia, discrimination and hate,” said Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, High Representative for UNAOC. (7 December)



The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), the United Nations Office of Counter-terrorism (UNOCT), the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), and the International Centre for Sport Security (ICSS) held a European National Focal Points Meeting in Malaga, Spain, within the framework of the **Global Programme on Sport and PVE**. UNAOC led a session on **Meaningful Youth Engagement** and collected input on the **Handbook to Leverage on Sporting Events to Prevent Violent Extremism**. (14-15 December)



During the **High-level Global Conference on Youth-Inclusive Peace Process** held virtually 20-21 January 2022, UNAOC alumnus and YSF 2020 recipient, Ms. Vera Al-Mawla from Peace of Art (Lebanon) addressed government representatives, UN officials, and other young peacebuilders. “Peace of Art’s experience taught us that youth need to be technically and financially resilient to stand against social dangers such as extremism and hatred, by giving them an alternative to empower and develop their own communities, and thus create sustainable and resilient regions,” she said. The Conference was designed to celebrate and acknowledge the powerful role that young people play in building sustainable peace worldwide. The event witnessed the launch of two major documents: Guidelines for policy officials in support of the country-level operationalization of YPS agenda, and a five-year strategy on strengthening youth-inclusive peace processes. (20-21 January)