



**MESSAGE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS ON THE WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK *(From 1 to 7 February 2011)***

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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.

In this regard, I 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 23rd 2010. Its intent is to be broad and inclusive, bringing together people of all religions, faiths, and beliefs.

I therefore invite 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 give an overview of the initiative to facilitate its dissemination among your own constituencies and partners.

I thank you in advance for your kind collaboration.

Sincerely,