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Culture of Peace

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The Alliance of Civilizations

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the solemn commitment of all States to fulfill their obligations to promote universal respect for, and observance and protection of, all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other instruments relating to international law and human rights, and *reaffirming* also the universal nature of these rights and freedoms;

Recalling the Outcome document of the 2005 World Summit¹, in which the Heads of State and Government welcomed the Alliance of Civilizations initiative announced by the Secretary General on 14 July 2005 and committed themselves to promote a culture of peace and dialogue at the local, national, regional and international levels;

Acknowledging the diversity of the world and that all cultures and civilizations contribute to the enrichment of humankind, as well as recognizing the importance of respect and understanding for religious and cultural diversity throughout the world, and encouraging tolerance, respect, dialogue and cooperation among different cultures, civilizations and peoples;

Recognizing the importance of inter-cultural and inter-religious and intra-religious dialogue in promoting tolerance in matters related to religion or belief, and *emphasizing*

¹ A/RES/60/1 (24 October 2005)

the important role of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in this regard;

1. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Secretary General and his High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations in promoting greater understanding and respect among civilizations, cultures and religions and *encourages* the Alliance to continue its work through a number of practical projects on the areas of youth, education, media and migrations, in collaboration with governments, international organizations, foundations and civil society groups, as well as media and corporate leaders;
2. *Acknowledges* the results of the First Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations, held in Madrid on 15 and 16 January 2008, and of the Second Forum of the Alliance, held in Istanbul on 6 and 7 April 2009;
3. *Encourages* governments, international organizations and representatives of civil society to participate in the third Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations, which will be held in Brazil during 2010, as well as in the upcoming Fora of the Alliance which will be hosted by Qatar in 2011 and Austria in 2012;
4. *Welcomes* the first and second reports² of the High Representative to the Secretary General referring to the activities of the Alliance of Civilizations, including the projects and programs that have been launched at the Alliance of Civilizations Fora;
5. *Expresses* continuing support to the work of the Alliance of Civilizations, recognizing the importance of its Group of Friends in this regard, and the relevance of the national plans for the Alliance of Civilizations that have been approved by its member States so far, as well as the activities related to the Alliance of Civilizations that are being developed by the international organizations that are members of the Group.

² A/63/336 and A/63/914