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ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE AISA INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE: "INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE"

On this blessed Friday, December 8, 2017 A.D. and Rabi Al-Awwal 19, 1439 Hijri, the 7th day after the birth of Prophet Mohamed, (pbuh), the 72nd General Assembly of the UN adopted at 12:17, the "***International Day of Living Together in Peace***", by consensus of 193 countries. This initiative was carried by AISA INTERNATIONAL NGO and presented by the Algerian State in front of all the Member States of the UN.

We thank the General Secretariat of the United Nations, President of the General Assembly, the Honourable Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, all UN Member States, particularly Algeria as well as His Excellency the President of the Republic of Algeria, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Abdelkader Messahel and his Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Sabri Boukadoum.

We also thank all the co-sponsoring Member States, including France and its Ambassador, His Excellency François Delattre, the European Community, the G77 Group, UNESCO and all the regional groups, as well as the various NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC), allied to the cause of AISA including its premium partners such as the PLANET ACTION 21 NGO (PLAC 21), the French Caribbean, the Italian NEW HUMANITY NGO and all NGOs that supported this Resolution.

Sheikh Khaled Bentounes also thanks all the members of the AISA INTERNATIONAL NGO who actively participated and worked for the success of this historic project, the brothers and sisters of Sufi orders in the world, all friends without distinction and all traditions who believed in the relevance of this project, the international law firm BENKHALIFA CABINET (MBC) INC. and all its members including its President Mohamed Benkhalifa, a lawyer at the Paris Bar and the Quebec Bar, not forgetting all the members of the Algerian Diplomatic Mission, including their Excellencies Mr. the Ambassadors Djamel Moktefi and Mohamed Bessedik, Mr. Mustapha Abbani accompanied by Mr. Abdelkarim Ait Abdeslam.

The Algerian Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Sabri Boukadoum quoted the speech of Sheikh Bentounes, in his presence, to the attention of the UN General Assembly which recalled that "*the elemental humanity that lives in us expresses itself better when each of us decides to make our life a richness for our self, with and for the Other*".

In the same spirit Sheikh Khaled Bentounes delivered his address to the UN Member States at the General Assembly: "*I address myself to this Humanity of which each amongst you is a depositary and humbly ask you to make this "International Day of Living Together in Peace" a reminder of the precious and urgent reconciliation of the human family as a call of hope and an appeal to all those who believe and aspire to the human fraternity*".

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