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Culture of peace

Peacebuilding and sustaining peace

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Promotion and protection of human rights

Letter dated 20 May 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to submit herewith the final declaration of the sixth World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue organized by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Tourism Organization, held within the “Baku Process” from 1 to 3 May 2024 in the Republic of Azerbaijan (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 14, 61, 69 and 71.

(Signed) Yashar T. Aliyev
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 20 May 2024 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Final declaration of the sixth World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue

We, the participants of the VI World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue organized by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan in partnership with UNESCO, UN Alliance of Civilizations, ICESCO, and UN Tourism, held within the “Baku Process,”

Reaffirming our commitment to promoting cross-cultural understanding, respect, and cooperation among nations;

Recognizing the inherent value of diversity and the richness that multiculturalism and peaceful coexistence brings to the societies;

Acknowledging the importance of dialogue as a powerful tool for fostering mutual understanding, resolving conflicts, and building peaceful relationships, while also keeping committed to promoting intercultural dialogue as a means to address global challenges, promote sustainable development, and ensure a more just and inclusive world;

Commending the initiatives and achievements of the Baku Process since 2008 and the outcomes of previous World Forums on Intercultural Dialogue held in 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019 in Baku, Azerbaijan, within this framework;

Recalling the United Nations Secretary General’s Annual Report to the United Nations General Assembly on intercultural and interreligious dialogue and the UNESCO Resolution of 2022, entitled “The Baku Process: Promoting Intercultural Dialogue and Social Inclusion for Sustainable Peace and Development’ which encourages the UNESCO Secretariat, Member States and interested partners to continue supporting the Baku Process;

Pledging to uphold the principles of equality, tolerance, and respect for all cultures, religions, and beliefs, while keep supporting intercultural and interfaith dialogue;

Concerned by the, different threats to cultural heritage of humanity including negative impacts of irregular migration, climate change, armed conflicts, including landmines, improvised explosive devices and unexploded ordinances on cultural property,

Highlighting the role of culture, tourism, education and youth engagement, media, and reaffirming our commitment to promoting cross-cultural understanding, respect, and cooperation among nations;

Emphasizing the need to engage in meaningful conversations that bridge cultural divides and promote empathy and compassion.

II. A Call for Action

We affirm our commitment to building a world where diversity is celebrated, inclusivity is embraced, and all voices are heard.

We recognize the power of cultural exchange, tourism, art, and cultural heritage in building bridges and fostering peaceful coexistence between countries and peoples.

We acknowledge the immense role played by the Baku Process at the global level in facilitating dialogue between various stakeholders representing countries from all continents and major international organizations.

We call on governments and international organizations to prioritize intercultural dialogue as a key tool for promoting peace, understanding, cooperation, and prosperity in an increasingly interconnected world and continue supporting the Baku Process thereto.

We thank the organizers of the VI Forum on Intercultural Dialogue and especially the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the high level of arrangements and hospitality, as well as the speakers, moderators, and panelists for their valuable contributions to the discussions, and encourage the partner organizations to continue activities and projects of the Baku Process during the inter-Forums period as well.

Together, we commit to fostering a culture of dialogue, respect, and understanding that transcends boundaries, contributing to peace and global security.”

Participants of the VI World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue

May 2, 2024
Baku, Azerbaijan
