

## **World Interfaith Harmony Week**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 53/243 of 6 October 1999 on the declaration and program of action relating to a culture of peace; 57/6 of November 2002 concerning the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence; 58/128 of 19 December 2003 on the promotion of religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation; 64/164 of 18 December 2009 on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief; 64/81 of 7 December 2009 on the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace, and 64/14 of 10 November 2009 on the Alliance of Civilizations;

*Recognizing* the imperative need for dialogue among different faiths and religions in enhancing mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people;

*Recalling* with appreciation various global, regional and sub-regional initiatives on mutual understanding and interfaith harmony including, *inter alia*, the Tripartite Forum for Interfaith Cooperation for Peace, and the 'A Common Word',

*Recognizing* that the moral imperatives of all religions, convictions, and beliefs call for peace, tolerance, and mutual understanding:

1. *Reaffirms* that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace;
2. *Proclaims* the first week of February of every year the World Interfaith Harmony Week between all religions, faiths and beliefs;
3. *Encourages* all States to support, on a voluntary basis, the spread of the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world's Churches, Mosques, Synagogues, Temples and other places of Worship during that week based on Love of God and Love of the Neighbor, or based on Love of the Good and Love of the Neighbor, each according to their own religious traditions or convictions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of the implementation of the present resolution.

October 20, 2010.