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Your Excellency,

It is a pleasure to congratulate you again on your appointment by the Secretary-General as the High Representative of "the *United Nations Alliance of Civilizations*". We wish that the new 2013-year brings you greater joy of life and a strong sense of fulfillment in your tireless mediation efforts to reach a peaceful world. Let me assure you that CIFA, NGO with consultative status at ECOSOC, will diligently help enhance the success of "the *Alliance of Civilizations*", as might be most appropriate for our experience in the ethics of business and finance.

CIFA would like to jointly celebrate, in Monaco, your new appointment at UNAOC together with the *International Day of Happiness*, to be commemorated on 20 March 2013, by decision of the General Assembly A/66/L.48/Rev.1. This GA Resolution was adopted during your mandate as President of the 66th General Assembly of the United Nations. By adopting this resolution, the UN recognized "the need for a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth that promote sustainable development, poverty eradication, happiness and well-being of all peoples".

You will recall, during our last forum in Monaco, honored by your presence and the one of your spouse, CIFA had a fruitful exchange in our meeting with Mathieu Ricard on the value of tolerance, mutual respect and putting the interfaith dialogue at the heart of the world with harmony. The topic on "*happiness*" became central to our discussions and inspired everyone around the table, without exception!

Indeed, happiness for us was born that day... and in Monaco! We would like to invite you to address our distinguished audience from the perspective of "the *Alliance of Civilizations*", on the following subject: "*Happiness and well being a must for Sustainable Development*".

Your accepting this invitation will enlighten that happy day! All the costs associated with this event will be covered by CIFA.

Hoping to welcome you and your spouse as our special guests, we trust that we will be able to wish you a wonderful stay in Monaco enjoying the International Day of Happiness!

Yours sincerely,



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High Representative of the UNAOC