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**His Majesty King Abdullah II
King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

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Your Excellency,

The UNESCO Centre of Catalonia (Unescocat) was created in 1984 to bring UNESCO to Catalonia and Catalan language and culture to UNESCO. Today, the Centre aims to become a reference in managing diversity and is committed to the essential values of human rights, the culture of peace, cultural plurality, biodiversity and dialogue between cultures.

Unescocat works at "building bridges, breaking boundaries" in Catalonia, the Mediterranean and among intergovernmental platforms, through innovative, interdisciplinary action based on the principles of sustainable development, social cohesion, national identity and promoting democracy. Unescocat maintains official relations with UNESCO and has consultative status with ECOSOC and the United Nations Department of Public Information.

Promoting interfaith harmony via interreligious dialogue as a means to protect and promote cultural diversity while strengthening social cohesion has always been at the core of the Centre's activities, that encompass among others counselling local authorities in Catalonia concerning the management of religious diversity at grass roots, setting up interreligious dialogue platforms as a contribution to conflict mitigation in collaboration with the UNESCO Association for Interreligious Dialogue, and managing the International Network on Religions and Mediations in Urban Areas that operates within the framework of the programme on International Migration and Multicultural Policies of the UNESCO Social Sciences and Human Sciences Sector.

Herewith we wish to extend our gratitude for your and H.R.H. Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad's visionary initiative to promote the World Interfaith Harmony Week, resulting in the adoption of the UN General Assembly Resolution 65/5 on November 29, 2010.

While expressing our full endorsement to this very timely initiative, the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia also commits to explore ways and means at its disposal to celebrate the upcoming World Interfaith Harmony Week 2011 in Catalonia. .

Please accept, Your Excellency, the expression of my respectful greetings,

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