

Talking Points

**Discussion on the United Nations Initiative on the Alliance of
Civilizations, a Possible OSCE Contribution
P.C. Meeting, Thursday, 10th of April, 2008**

Mr. Chairman,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to express our appreciation to Ambassador Brichambaut, Secretary General of the OSCE for his valuable report on the outcome of the First Annual Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations and for the keen attention he gave for a Possible OSCE Contribution to the implementation phase of the initiative.

Indeed, the OSCE as an organization is well suited to play an important role in this field. It represents a membership that spans major world religions and cultures. It also strives for values and principles that aim for fostering more understanding between those cultures and civilizations

We hope that the OSCE would contribute in an active way in implementing the U.N. Alliance between Civilizations plan of action. In this regard, I would like to refer to the proposals presented by Egypt to the OSCE contribution to the U.N. Initiative for Alliance for

Civilizations. We would like to reaffirm our readiness to cooperate with Participating and Partners States in preparing the contribution of the organization in the implementation phase of the U.N. initiative.

Training in intercultural understanding for journalists, development of media content to help promote intercultural dialogue, developing media campaigns to combat discrimination, and youth exchanges, are some of the recommendations in the U.N. High-Level Group's report, which might provide inspiration to the OSCE's role in the implementation phase of the U.N. initiative.

Thank you,