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Excellency,

We have the honor to invite you to the **Seventh Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC),** which takes place in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 26-27 April, 2016. The Forum will be preceded by a Youth Event on 25 April, 2016.

The overarching theme of the Forum is "*Living Together In Inclusive Societies: A Challenge and A Goal*". The event will bring together nearly 3,000 participants, including political leaders, representatives of international and regional organizations, the private sector, civil society, academia, youth, arts and the media, as well as donor agencies and foundations. The Government of Azerbaijan and UNAOC aim to explore new ways of promoting cross-cultural dialogue and understanding and to spark new partnerships and commitments. Furthermore, networking sessions at the Forum will provide an additional opportunity for existing and potential partners to explore collaborations to enhance the Forum's objectives. Participants will also convene in plenary and breakout sessions, take part in partners' exhibitions and award ceremonies. The Group of Friends meeting for official delegations will be organized as well.

The Forum's programme, concept note and a note on how to register for the Forum, Baku Forum Declaration, speaking engagements and contact information are enclosed. A detailed logistical note is available on the Forum's website: baku.unaoc.org. For logistical queries about protocol and administrative arrangements, please contact the National Organizing Committee of the Seventh UNAOC Global Forum.

We look forward to seeing you at the Forum and avail ourselves of this opportunity to renew to you the expression of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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