



## LAUNCH OF THE FEZ ACTION PLAN IN NEW YORK

**The United Nations officially launched a Fez Action Plan for Religious Leaders on the prevention of incitement to violence, in New York on July 14.**

*"This plan is based on a commitment to promote peace, understanding, mutual respect and the fundamental human rights of all people. This includes the rights to freedom of religion and conviction, opinion and expression, and peaceful association", explained Antonio Guterres, the Secretary General of the United Nations.*

*"The voice, authority and role of the example of religious leaders are crucial. This conviction has led to the development of the initiative we are launching today", stated António Guterres, during the event organized at the United Nations headquarters in New York.*

The Fez Action Plan is the result of two years of consultations conducted by the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, Adama Dieng, with Religious Leaders of different Religions around the world

and Religious Organizations. The first elements of this plan were adopted in Fez, Morocco in 2015.

Sheikh Khaled Bentounes, spiritual guide of the Tariqa Alawiyya and President of AISA International NGO, spoke to the assembly of the same international forum in the afternoon of July 14, recalling the importance given to Youth, the education of the Culture of Peace and the essential place that must be granted to Women.

Sheikh Bentounes encouraged his peers to look at their own Scriptural writings for the germs susceptible to generating violence and bring the necessary and indispensable clarifications so that the human family can reconcile itself and rebuild the future.



*The opening speech by Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations. From right to left: Faisal Bin Muammar, Secretary-General of the KAICIID Dialogue Center, Adama Dieng, Special Advisor to the United Nations SG for the Prevention of Genocide, Antonio Guterres, Sheikh Bin Bayyah, President of the «Forum for the Promotion of Peace in Muslim Societies».*

As a result of this event, which has given the Fez Action Plan, Sheikh Khaled Bentounes, accompanied by the delegation of AISA International NGO, met with numerous representatives of States and United Nations officials, who gave their support for the initiative of the International Day of Living Together (JIVE):

- The Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic coordination within the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Fabrizio Hochschild,
- Political Affairs Officer at the Executive Office of the SG of the United Nations, Mr. Fedor Klimchuk,
- The Ambassador of Indonesia to the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Dian Triansyah Djani and His Attaché Irfan Abdullah,
- The Permanent Representative of France at the United Nations, His Excellency Monsieur François Delattre.



*Meeting with Mr Fabrizio Hochschild, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination within the Cabinet of the SG of the United Nations, Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild and Mr. Fedor Klimchuk, Senior Political Affairs Officer, advocating for Peace, Humanitarian Rights and Human Rights, Executive Office of the Secretary General.*



*From left to right: Mr. Fedor Klimchuk, Mr. Fabrizio Hochschild, Sheikh Bentounes, Mohamed Benkhalifa, Representative of AISA International NGO to the UN.*

At the end of the stay, the Permanent Representation of Algeria to the United Nations decided to initiate an open procedure consisting of actions in order to achieve the adherence of the largest number of States, members of United Nations, to the project promoted by AISA, for the filing of a resolution which will decree The International Day of Living Together (JIVE).



*Sheikh Bentounes with the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations, His Excellency Monsieur François Delattre.*



*Sheikh Bentounes with the Ambassador of Indonesia to the United Nations, His Excellency Dian Triansyah Djani.*





*Sheikh Bentounes with the Iman Yahya Pallavicini.*



*Sheikh Bentounes and Adama Dieng.*



*Sheikh Bentounes with Sheikh Bin Bayyah, President of the "Forum for the Promotion of Peace in Muslim Societies".*