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### **UN adopts the International Day of Living Together in Peace at the initiative of AISA International NGO!**

**Paris, December 8, 2017 - AISA International NGO welcomes the historic decision taken this Friday, December 8 by the United Nations General Assembly to unanimously adopt by 193 countries, the resolution establishing the International Day of Living Together in Peace (JIVEP). Since its launch in November 2014, at the end of the 1st International Women's Congress, that it organized in Oran (Algeria) AISA has carried out this project and deployed all its energy to make it succeed while relying on many partners who have greatly contributed to this success and we warmly thank, in particular Algeria, the European community, UNESCO and many NGO.**

For Sheikh Khaled Bentounes, Founder and Honorary President of AISA International NGO, this is an idea that goes back to Sheikh Al Alāwī the founder of the Alāwiyya Sufi Order, which has now become a reality. We are particularly pleased and grateful to have been able to gather through consensus all the States of the planet around this idea of "Living Together in Peace". In addition, 172 States have already adopted this date by deciding to institute it in their respective countries. To make this Day a reality, AISA has created the informal network "Synergy 17 SDG" which aims to assemble all the partners sharing this vision in order to bring about the culture of peace and disseminate it around the world.

Aware of the importance of this adoption, Sheikh Khaled Bentounes emphasizes that *"the serious work begins now because we need to make this idea a reality in order to unite the Human family in search of Peace."*

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