

# UN Declares February 4<sup>th</sup> "International Day of Human Fraternity"

The United Nations has adopted a resolution on declaring the date of signing the Human Fraternity Document (HFD), February 4th, as the "International Day of Human Fraternity". The UN General Assembly has adopted the resolution on the basis that renewing cooperation among all parties and fostering interfaith and intercultural dialogue help turn back the Covid-19 pandemic and other challenges facing the world.

On this occasion, members of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity (HCHF) extended their deepest thanks and appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, – the patron of human fraternity – for patronizing and supporting the HCHF's efforts and to the UAE for dedicating its diplomacy to bring this new achievement for all humanity. The HCHF members also thanked all the Member States of the UN General Assembly that supported the HFD and called for adopting its principles, which is considered an international recognition of the historic Document on Human Fraternity signed jointly by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam Prof. Ahmad At-Tayyeb.

The HCHF members described the UN resolution as a great achievement in the history of humanity, noting that it turns human fraternity into an international cause and a global responsibility. They added that the UN resolution encourages the HCHF and all philanthropists to continue their efforts and initiatives aimed at realizing the goals and principles of the HFD.

Adopting the resolution, the UN General Assembly briefed the Member States on the efforts put in by the two religious leaders His Holiness Pope Francis, the Pontiff of the Catholic Church, and His Eminence Prof. Ahmad At-Tayyeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, in promoting interfaith and intercultural dialogue. The General Assembly invited the Member States, the concerned UN organizations, and civil society to observe the International Day of Human Fraternity. It also called on the Member States to continue promoting a culture of peace to help ensure peace and sustainable development and to mobilize the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding, and solidarity throughout the entire world.