

Input by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations to the elements to be considered in the New Agenda for Peace

There is a growing consensus that to build peaceful, cohesive and resilient communities/societies, it is essential to address inequalities including those driven by cultural and identity based grievances before they lead to conflict and violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism. Addressing such inequalities in a meaningful way is also one of the key elements to forge a new social contract (OCA proposal # 53). To halt the proliferation of conflicts there is need to strengthen and invest in prevention. In this respect, promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue to defuse identity-based tensions remain largely overlooked in terms of reshaping our response to violence and investing more in preventive tools (OCA proposal #43).