



THE THREE CULTURES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FOUNDATION

In 1998, the Kingdom of Morocco along with the *Junta de Andalucía* (Regional Autonomous Government of Andalusia) decided to create a forum to promote an encounter among Mediterranean peoples and cultures, based upon peace, dialogue and tolerance principles. Subsequently, the Peres Center for Peace, the Palestinian National Authority and other committed to peace individuals and institutions from Israel and Palestine joined the initiative.

Thus, the Three Cultures Foundation of the Mediterranean Sea was established in Seville on the 8th of March 1999. Both the unique and exceptional features of our Foundation make it a benchmark for tolerance and progress. Few foundations worldwide have such a representative and balanced multinational presence among their members, such a unique connection with the Mediterranean purpose and such a vocational receptiveness towards the countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

The priority areas for action of the Three Cultures Foundation come from the Declaration of Barcelona (1995); namely political and economic areas and cultural,

social and educational sectors. In addition, the Foundation has been working in the field of immigration. In short, the Three Cultures Foundation is conceived as a unique instrument for supporting the spirit of creating new horizons for the Mediterranean Basin countries. These new horizons would involve the establishment of peace, stability and progress areas on both sides of a Sea which has been the cradle of multiple civilizations.

The Three Cultures Foundation of the Mediterranean Sea can also be considered an instrument for supporting new initiatives from the constantly changing and renovating international stage. For this reason, joint participation with institutions and forums who share their basic goals is very important on its agenda. Participating in the activities promoted by the Anna Lindh Foundation or the Alliance of Civilizations is a clear evidence of its purposes. The far-reaching and broad consensual Alliance of Civilizations established in 2004 by former President of Spain José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero and the Turkish Prime Minister Tayib Erdogan. Supporting and collaborating with institutions such as the United Nations, the European Union, UNESCO and the OSCE shows the range of challenges we are committed to and the importance the Three Cultures Foundation has in the international arena.

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