

Your Excellency, President of Roma Tre University

Excellencies Ministers,

Distinguished Representatives of International Organizations

Honorable Ambassadors and Heads of Diplomatic Missions

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On the occasion of the launching of “Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain Chair for Peace”, I would like to thank Mr. Luca Pietromarchi, Rector of Roma Tre University, and Professor Luigi Moccia, President of centre of Excellence Altiero Spinelli for the successful continued cooperation and the perfect organization. I would like also to extend my thanks and gratitude to our partners who are celebrating with us today this important event: The President of the IPI, New York, represented by Mr. Nejib Friji Director of The IPI (MENA) , Excellency Charles Ferdinand Nothomb, President of the Foundation of Dialogue Nord Sud, Excellency Franco Frattini, President of SIOI and Mr. Michele Capasso, President of Fondazione Mediterraneo.

I also thank profusely all the key note speakers ministers and friends of the foundation who share with us the same vision and supporting us in building up a sustainable peace for the humanity.

I cannot forget this audience, colleagues, students and guests to whom I dedicate this Chair.

Lauching “Abdulaziz Sadu Al-Babtain Chair for Peace”, from the city of Rome and Roma Tre University, with the presence of an elite group of ministers, representatives of International Organizations and professors of universities, is a necessary step in the process of sowing and advancing the culture of peace. I consider that the launching of this

Chair is an activation to the goals of the Foundation and the interests of the state of Kuwait, reflected in the continuous long process which need patience and persistence from all of us.

For almost thirty years, we have dedicated our efforts and activities to two related topics:

- The dialogue between cultures on the basis of understanding and respect.
- The development of a culture of peace according to clear programs of work and mechanisms of action, in order to reach practical solutions to achieve the ultimate goal of making peace sustainable among peoples.

In this context, I presented a project to the UN General Assembly on 7 September, 2017, entitled “Culture of peace for the Security of the future generations”, by “committing ourselves, the entire international community, UN Member States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations to start tailoring peace based educational and cultural curricula on peace in our world’s educational and cultural programmes and materials, from kindergarten to elementary schools, high schools and universities”.

Following this commitment, we started the implementing process of these programmes according to the different levels of Education in both Arabic and English to be prepared for the General Assembly High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace in September 2018.

We thought as well of a mechanism that endorses and implements the proposed project, we decided to establish the “Chair for Peace” by teaching the fundamentals of peace and the culture of peace to youth, starting with Europe, then the rest of the world.

The mission of the Chair for Peace includes:

- Teaching the rules for peace, how to expand and advance.
- Forming and enabling the students of the ways of achieving peace through special skills.
- Contributing in the fight against terrorism and extremist thought.

As we believe that Peace is a culture based education, the lessons of the Chair will be a selection of lessons learnt from the biography of humanity nobles, from teachings of great intellectuals and from thought of advocates of peace and human rights.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This path, initiated by the Foundation, which its activities are carried out rationally and carefully with acute awareness, will have another important landmark next year, as we are also working on a special mechanism in this context and cooperating with different partners to convene a major international conference on advancing the culture of peace.

May we all leave in peace,

May God's blessing be upon you