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**Workshop VI**  
**Shared Values, Common values**

The sixth workshop discussed the possibility of launching a charter on dialogue among cultures. The participants suggested that this charter be in the form of a call, or statement issued by the cultural workshop. They also discussed the approval of a charter project to be presented it to governments of the Mediterranean countries.

Those who would set the principles of this charter will have to consider the final declaration of the Alexandria meeting, to ensure the following:

- A. No culture should be considered as a promoter for aggressiveness or violence, because historical and social circumstances play a major role in increasing differences and conflict on national and international levels.
- B. Effective initiatives should focus on finding solutions to all disasters, which lead to disagreement among cultures.
- C. Taking strong simultaneous actions, that aim at removing barriers separating cultures, civilizations, religions, and fighting ignorance. Recognition of others should be the key to reinforcing dialogue among cultures
- D. Cultural diversity should not contradict with universal values such as freedom, equality, especially freedom of conviction and thinking, religious practice, and equality between genders.

Therefore, participants in the sixth workshop should set a follow-up mechanism for the suggestions of the cultural workshop and results it has reached, coordinate among movements, public institutions, and non government organizations working in the domain of inter cultural dialogue