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The honorary president, Sheikh Khaled Bentounes, and the president, Hamid Demmou, of AISA Federation are pleased to inform you that the United Nations Organization has officially recognized AISA Federation as an international Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with « special consultative status » within ECOSOC (United Nations Economic and Social Council).

Taking effect on the 19th of January, 2014, the « special consultative status » was attributed to AISA Federation by a committee of 60 UN member states. AISA Federation has thus become an officially accredited partner of the UN, which gives it the right to participate as an observer in ECOSOC meetings.

As an international NGO, AISA Federation is recognized as possessing expertise valuable to the UN in the domain of spiritual questions, the role of spiritual and religious organizations in world governance, peace, gender issues, social development, ethics and the environment.

It is thus through AISA Federation that full recognition has been given to the Alâwiyya-Darqâwiyya-Shâdhiliyya Sufi way, as well as to the untiring commitment of Sheikh Al Alawi and his successors, in the cause of peace, human dignity, understanding between peoples, worldwide brotherhood, and peaceful coexistence. The spiritual dimension, understood in its universal sense, is thus recognized as a crucial factor in the development of a culture of peace in the world.

We are delighted to share this news with all of our members, our partners, our friends and all those who work for a better world, a world in which the idea of « we » finally prevails over that of « I », and in which human rights are respected and guaranteed for all.

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