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FINAL STATEMENT " AMMAN 2013 "

Women believers of the Middle East and other countries have come together to deepen our service for LIFE, DIGNITY and the COMMON GOOD.

Jordan has received us in Amman, and from here we express our call for PEACE in the Middle East, especially in Syria and around the whole world, in union with the Pope's Francis exhortation.

At the same time, we renew our commitment to a culture of ENCOUNTER, DIALOGUE and JUSTICE. We urge that war and all forms of violence, give way to RESPECT and COLLABORATION between men and women, of all faiths and countries. This peacebuilding has our contribution as women according to the vocation that the Creator has given us by love.

In the historical moment the women of Middle East are living, as members of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (UMOFC) supported by the International Forum of Catholic Action (IFCA) and the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, we have listened to those who share our faith in: Egypt, Palestine, UAE, Lebanon, Iraq, the Holy Land and Jordan.

The **UMOFC** - Public International Association of the Faithful of the Catholic Church , consisting of more than one hundred women's organizations, in 60 countries, present in all continents, and represented in United Nations Economic and Social Council, Human Rights Council, FAO, Council of Europe and UNESCO- *is solidarity with the women of the Middle East* who love their land and work for it .

This event, unprecedented in its kind, "Amman 2013" is a sign of hope and strength, is a starting point: the first step of our journey together. We leave our prayers confidently to Mary, our Mother, Queen of Peace.

Amman, October 27, 2013