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Paris, June 2 - UNESCO and The Suzanne Mubarak International Women's Movement for Peace, an international NGO, will hold an international colloquium, Women in the Service of Peace, at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on June 8 (11 a.m., room X).

The event will be presided by Suzanne Mubarak, First Lady of Egypt, who will also open the conference along with UNESCO Director-General Koïchiro Matsuura, and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Marianna Vardinoyannis, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement.

Other notable speakers at the event include: Boutros Boutros-Ghali, former UN Secretary General; Dr Leila Takla, President of the Commission for Foreign Relations of Egypt's National Council for Human Rights; HH Sheikha Hessa Saad Al Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Chair of the Arab Council of Businesswomen and Chair of the Kuwaiti Committee of Businesswomen, daughter of the Crown Prince of Kuwait; former UN Under-Secretary General Dame Margaret Anstee, who served as the Secretary General's Special Representative to Angola and Head of the UN peacekeeping mission there in 1992-93; Dr. Vjosa Dobruna of Kosovo, former Member of the United Nations Interim Administrative Structure of Kosovo, and Ms Asha Hagi Elmi, Chair of the association Save the Somali Women and Children.

Ms Mubarak is President of Egypt's National Council for Women (NCW), which was established by Presidential decree in February 2000, with the mandate to draw up a national plan for the advancement of women. In September 2002, Ms. Mubarak convened a conference in Sharm El Sheikh (Egypt) that brought together public figures, peace advocates, international non governmental organizations, as well as the United Nations and its specialized organizations, agencies and programmes to reflect on and recommend concrete steps for women to foster peace. The Women for Peace, Dialogue for Action conference led to the launching of the Women for Peace Movement whose aim is to contribute to the development of a culture that fosters tolerance, peace and human security.

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Journalists wishing to attend the event should request accreditation from UNESCO's Press Relations Section, tel +33 (0)1 45 68 17 48, [i.le-fournis@unesco.org](mailto:fournis@unesco.org)