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**The Euro-Mediterranean Student Research Multi-conference**

**Unity and Diversity of Euro-Mediterranean Identities**

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Dear Participants, audiences and colleagues

Greetings

I am very pleased today to be honored to represent An -Najah National University and to participate in the first EMUNI Research Multi Conference to discuss a significant topic and one of the most contemporary issues which is the Unity and Diversity of Euro-Mediterranean Identities.

The political and social trends in the world today highlight the importance of unity and the benefits of diversity. It is my belief that we are all here to share the same basic principles on this matter. That is to sustain our societies through finding out the common issues and areas that enable us to spread our assorted and diverse cultures whilst exchanging our knowledge and experiences in the process. All this with the cumulative effect of building a form of unity that can ultimately enrich our cooperation.

As I see from our meeting today, we are all together, working for unity without uniformity and diversity without fragmentation. In other words we are here today to discuss unity and diversity within Euro-Mediterranean identities, endeavoring to put into practice the phrase "Unity in Diversity".

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincerest welcome to all of you and to thank in particular the organizers of this conference who gave us the opportunity to take part in this crucial discussion. An-Najah National University hopes that we all together will have a fruitful and successful conference, promoting the values of tolerance, cooperation and acceptance.

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