Speech of H.S.H. Prince Albert II ACHM 12th November 2012

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Excellencies, Mr President, Dear Consuls, Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished guests, Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to be with you tonight for the 10th World Congress of Consuls being held in Monaco during this 30th World Federation of Consul (FICAC) anniversary's year.

Let me thank its President Mr Arnold Foote and all executive committee members to have chosen – again - my country to gather on this specific occasion. (I do remember having opened your third Conference here in Monaco in November 1992.)

My gratitude also goes to Mr El-Solh and the ACHM organizing committee and his Chairman Mr. Takis Touliatos for their commitment and valuable support in the preparation of this event. I know that their tireless efforts made this meeting a huge success.

As you all know, as a small territory my country is fully aware of the prominence of the need to maintain strong and long lasting relationships with the many states that you represent.

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This Congress will certainly strengthen the existing bonds and develop deeper appreciation and understanding of the countries each one of you embody.

In an increasingly globalized world you have a key role to play and your advice, work and actions are of utmost importance to help your Government undertake the necessary policies that will meet the needs and the expectations demanded by interdependent countries.

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You are all well aware that one of my main concerns is to link sound science and politics to achieve tangible actions to protect and preserve the environment. This is the reason why I do not forget that my Foundation has a Partnership Agreement for cooperation in energy and environment with your Federation.

I am firmly convinced that each of you will find ways to implement projects in this field and back new ideas, working your ways to achieve this goal.

I salute the hard work you are all doing, the continuous efforts done by the FICAC and the future of its cooperation with Monaco through the ACHM.

Thank you.