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**VOTE OF THANKS November 20, 2015**

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Your Royal Highness,

Dear Princess, Dr. Nisreen Bint El-Hashemite,

You are certainly true to your ancestors' commitments to democratic values implemented through education, science, tolerance and mutual respect.

Children, youth and women in many parts of the world are living extraordinary ways under extraordinary circumstances.

In order to improve their livelihood, they need help in all aspects of life. Without access to education, it is unlikely that they will be able to give their share of improvement of prosperity to themselves, their families, their communities and to their countries.

Let us hope that all nations soonest are in the position to offer adequate and compulsory education to children and youth. Otherwise, I am afraid that their high hopes for a better world and their opportunities in life would be lost for yet another young generation.

Fortunately, trusts like your RASIT, international organizations, NGO's and individuals offer through their programs a lift from poverty to increased standard of living.



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The content of your speech, Your Royal Highness, and your excellent performance have touched and enlightened the Congress. Your speech is an inspiration and inducement to all of us.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Delegates of World Federation of Consuls, I am privileged and honored to thank you for your valuable contribution to the Congress. We are all grateful for the work you do for young people who start their lives with least and marginal opportunities.

Thank you!