International Conference on Religion & Freedom of Expression

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PROGRAM

TUESDAY, 7 February, 2022 – Day 1

Opening Ceremony
9:30– 11:00
Moderator: **Mr. Paulo Sérgio MACEDO**, Secretary-General of AIDLR

Dr. Guilherme D'OLIVEIRA MARTINS, Executive Administrator Gulbenkian Foundation
Mr. Mário BRITO, President of AIDLR
H.E. Mr. Adama DIENG, President of the Honoray Committee of AIDLR
Dr. Fernando SOARES LOJA, V.P. of the Religious Liberty Commission
H.E. Prof. Dr. Catarina SARMENTO E CASTRO, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Portugal

Refreshments Break

Session 1 "Religion and Freedom of Speech"
11:15-13:00
Moderator: **Dr. Fernando SOARES LOJA**, V.P. of the Religious Liberty Commission

Keynote "Freedom of religion or belief and freedom of expression: perspectives from the UN level"
Prof. Dr. Nazila GHANEA, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief.

Keynote "Freedom of expression in ideologically polarised societies: challenges for religious communities"
Prof. Dr. Jónatas MACHADO, Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra

Presentation "Foundations, practice and link between freedom of religion and freedom of expresión"
Prof. Dr. Rosa María MARTÍNEZ DE CODES, Professor at the Complutense University Vice President of IRLA

Remarks: **Dr. Barna MAGYAROSI,** V.P. AIDLR Board of Trustees

Lunch

Session 2 - "Freedom of Religious Expression and Human Dignity" – Part I

14:30-16:00
Moderator: **Mr. Pedro TORRES**, Secretary General AIDLR France

Keynote "Meanings, Roots, and Justifications for Freedom of Expression: Incontrovertible Perspectives"
Dr. Ganoune DIOP, Secretary-General of IRLA and SDA Church Public Affairs & Religious Liberty Director

Presentation "Safer and Stronger Communities in Europe and challenge of reporting violation of religious freedom"
Dr. Elizabeta KITANOVIC, Executive Secretary for Human Rights of CEC

Presentation "Freedom of Dispute in the Jewish Faith"
Prof. Dr. Asher MAOZ, Tel-Aviv University. Founding Dean, Peres Academic Center Law School; Head, Committee on International Academic Relations.

Remarks: **Dr. Joaquim FRANCO**, Journalist and Science of Religion researcher

Break

Session 3 - "Freedom of Religious Expression and Human Dignity" Part II

16:15– 17:30
Moderator: **Mr. Jens MOHR**, Secretary General AIDLR Germany

Presentation "The stones will cry out" (Lk 19:40). The irrepressible call of conscience"
Pe. Peter STILWELL, Lisbon Patriarchate Representative for Ecumenism & Inter-Religious Dialogue.

Presentation "Freedom of worship and religious expression: the evolution of the law in France as a sign of an evolution of mindset"
Dr. François CLAVAIROLY, Former President of the Protestant Federation, France.

Presentation "French Laïcité, Religious Expression, and Human Dignity"
Prof. Dr. Jeremy GUNN, Professor of Law and Political Science, International University of Rabat

Remarks: **Dr. Susana MACHADO**, Professor of law, Polytechnic Institute of Oporto

WEDNESDAY, 8 February, 2022 – Day 2

Session 4 - "Religion, Freedom of Speech and Organizations"
9:00 - 10:45
Moderator: **Mr. Ezequiel DUARTE**, Secretary General AIDLR Portugal

Keynote "Freedom of expression and freedom of religion: some reflections in the light of the Strasbourg case-law"
Prof. Dr. Javier MARTÍNEZ TORRÓN, Professor of Law at Complutense University, President of ICLARS: International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies".

Presentation "Reconciling freedoms of religion and expression through 'Faith for   Rights"
Dr. Ibrahim SALAMA Chief of the Human Rights Treaties Branch of UNOHCHR & **Dr. Michael WIENER** Human Rights Officer at OHCHR *(by video)*

Presentation "Freedom of religion or belief: Unity in diversity"
Mr. Francesco DI LILLO, European Platform on Religious Intolerance and Discrimination (EPRID)

Remarks: **Elder Joaquim MOREIRA**, LDS Church rep. in IRD Work Group Portugal

Refreshments Break

Session 5 - "Religion and Freedom of Expression in Contemporary Society"
11:00 - 12:30
Moderator: **Mr. João MARTINS**, Executive Director ADRA Europe

Presentation "UN Resolution on Diffamation on Religions"
Dr. John GRAZ, International Center for PARL, France

Presentation "Religious discourse and freedom of expression in western society"
Prof. Dr. Jaime ROSSELL GRANADOS, Professor of Ecclesiastical Law at the University of Extremadura, Spain

Presentation "Religious communitarianism and political citizenship in a secularised society"
Prof. Dr. Alexis ARTAUD DE LA FERRIERE, Lecturer in Sociology at Royal Holloway College University of London.

Remarks: **Mr. Khalid JAMAL**, Islamic Community rep. in IRD Work Group Portugal
Lunch

Session 6 – "Case Presentation"

14:00 – 15:45

Moderator: **Mr. Rubén GUZMAN**, Secretary General AIDLR Spain

Presentation "Inter-Religious Dialogue Working Group Experience in Portugal"
H.E. Dr. Sónia PEREIRA, High Commissioner for Migrations, Portugal

Presentation "Religious Expression in the Workplace"
Prof. Dr. Susana MACHADO, Professor of law, Polytechnic Institute of Oporto

Presentation "Are fundamental human rights in jeopardy in Finland?"
Rev. Dr. Harri KUHALAMPI, former MEP Advisor, Finland

Presentation "Freedom of religious expression in Germany. Where are the limits? Case presentation: Pastor Olaf Latzel´s statements about homosexuality on their way through the court instances"
Dr. Harald MUELLER, Judge, Friedensau Theological College, Institute for Religious Freedom, Germany

Remarks: **Prof. Dr. Kristina ARRIAGA,** Former Vice Chair US Commission on International Religious Freedom

Refreshments Break

CONCLUDING REMARKS

16:00 – 17:30

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