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Seminar on

CHALLENGES FOR FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE & RELIGION IN EUROPE AND...SECURITY

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9:00 - 12:30, ASP 5G1

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PANEL 1 9:00 – 9:20

Introduction of International Conference & the Launch of the AIDLR books

**THE EUROPEAN FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE & RELIGIOUS CONTEXT AND THE
GOAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEFENSE OF
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY (AIDLR)**

1. **Dr. Hannu TAKKULA** MEP, Group of Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe ; proposed by Finnish Government at the European Court of Auditors in Luxemburg/ Dr. Harri KUHALAMPI, Special Adviser of Hannu Takkula
2. **Csaba SOGOR** MEP, Member of the LIBE Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, former Pastor of the Reformed Church in Romania
3. **Dr. Liviu OLTEANU** – Secretary General of the AIDLR at the 72th Anniversary on Defense of Freedom of Conscience and Religion ; and at the 70th Anniversary from the First Publication : « Conscience and Liberty ».
4. **Launching the books** : « History of Liberty and Respect for Differences », « Agents and Ambassadors for Peace » and the journal « Ambassadors for Liberty, Hope and Peace »

MODERATOR : Liviu OLTEANU

RAPPORTEURS: Guinara AKHUNDOVA - Dr. Elisabeth O'CASEY - Dr. Elisabeth KITANOVIC - Jackie MUBEDI

PANEL 2 9:20 – 10:20

**EUROPEAN VALUES AND HOW TO PROTECT FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND
RELIGION –AN ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE (I)**

1. **KEYNOTE SPEAKER : Dr. RIK TORFS, KU Leuven Rector** - Possible Dangers for Freedom of Conscience, Contributing to Peaceful Coexistence and Freedom of Conscience and Religion with Regards to Peace and Security

3. **Dr. Asher MAOZ**, Dean Perez Academic Center Law School, Rehovot Israel
Freedom of Conscience, Religion, Belief – A Treath or A Promise ?
4. **Mgr. Dr. Elisabeta KITANOVIC**, Executive Secretary of the Conference of European Churches, Brussels - Minority Churches, and Religious Minorities Face Many Challenges, in Europe and Beyond
5. **Dr. Elizabeth O'CASEY**, Director of Advocacy, International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU) - The Right to Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion as Key in the Promotion of Security

PANEL 3 10:20 – 11:15

A STRONGER EUROPEAN SOCIETY BY FOSTERING DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE FOR ALL PEOPLE vs. SECULARISM AND TRENDS – AN ACADEMIC AND RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVE

1. **Dr. Jose Miguel SERRANO**, Professor of Philosophy of Law, at Law School, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain - Secularism and Freedom of Conscience.
2. **Judge Dr. Harald MUELLER**, Hanover Germany, Professor University of Friedensau - Freedom of Religion and Security – an Antagonism?
3. **Revd. Bonnie EVANS-HILLS**, Church of England, Leicester, UK - Introduction to the UN Global Plan of Action for Religious Leaders and the Role of Women in Security Issues, for Themselves and Society
4. **Pastor Davide ROMANO**, Seventh-day Adventist Church – Rome, Italy - L'Union Européenne Fait-elle la Promotion des Droits de l'Homme et de la Liberté de Conscience? Une Question et Quelques Réponses Possibles.
5. **Imam RAZAWI**, Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society, United Nations House, UK
6. **Arie DE PATER**, European Evangelical Alliance's Brussels Representative EEA - Too Precious to Take for Granted

PANEL 4 11:15 – 12:05

EUROPEAN ISSUES AND ROLE OF MEDIA/ JOURNALISTS, YOUTH, REFUGEES AND RELIGIOUS MINORITIES ON STRENGTHENING RESPECT, HARMONY AND SECURITY – AN INSTITUTIONAL/ NGOs PERSPECTIVE

1. **Joao MARTINS, Director ADRA Europe** - Freedom of Conscience in Europe: Also a right for Refugees?
2. **Guinara AKHUNDOVA, Head of Global Response Department, International Media Support, Denmark** - Impartial Journalism Against Intolerance
3. **Hans NOOT, Human Rights Without Frontiers (HRWF), Belgium** - New Religious Movements and Jurisprudence at ECHR
4. **Hajar AL-KADDO, Forum of European Muslims Youth and Student Organizations** - The Muslim Youth Perspective on the Freedom of Religion and Conscience in Today's Europe.
5. **Liviu OLTEANU, Secretary General AIDLR** – Case Studies
6. **Raphael WAROLIN, European External Action Service EEAS Global Human Rights** - Recent Actions and Initiatives Taken by the EEAS for the Implementation of the EU Guidelines for the Protection and Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief.

PANEL 5 12:05 – 12:30

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS : ALL PANELISTS FINAL COMMENTS

1. **Mr. Csaba SOGOR MEP**
2. **Dr. Hannu TAKKULA MEP**
3. **Dr. Liviu OLTEANU** – Conclusions of the Rapporteurs, Steering Committee
and

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