

International Conference

PROTECTING RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

INVESTING IN YOUNG PEOPLE AS LEADERS OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENCOUNTERS, DIALOGUE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN PEOPLES

Rome, 13 July 2017

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation - Sala Conferenze Internazionali
(Piazzale della Farnesina 1)

- 09.30 am** **Registration and Welcome coffee**
- 10.00 am** **Welcome address**
Elisabetta BELLONI, Secretary General of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- 10.15 am** **Keynote Speeches**
Hon. Angelino ALFANO, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Mons. Paul GALLAGHER, Secretary for Relations with States – HOLY SEE
- 10.45 am** **PANEL 1: How to protect Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) in international relations? The need for new strategies**
Introduction and Chair: **Fabio PETITO**, Founding Director, The FoRB & Foreign Policy Initiative, University of Sussex and Scientific Coordinator of ISPI-MAECI workshop on ‘Religions and International Relations’ – UK
Silvio FERRARI, Professor of Law and Religion, University of Milan – ITALY
Ján FIGEL, EU Special Envoy for the Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief outside the European Union, European Commission
Kishan MANOCHA, Senior Advisor on Freedom of Religion and Belief, Human Rights Department, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
Cesare ZUCCONI, Secretary General, The Community of Sant'Egidio – ITALY
Alberto MELLONI, Professor of History of Christianity, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and Secretary, The Foundation of Religious Sciences John XXIII – ITALY
Pietro SEBASTIANI, Director General for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Mariz TADROS, Professor, Power and Popular Politics Cluster Leader, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex – UK

12.00 pm

PANEL 2: How to respond to the growing religious persecutions and divisions in the Middle East and the Mediterranean?

Chair: Silvio FERRARI

HG Bishop ANGAELOS, General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom – UK

Breen TAHSEEN, Representative of Prince Tahseen Said, the leader of the Yazidi community in Iraq and in the world – IRAQ

Knox THAMES, Special Advisor for Religious Minorities in the Near East and South/Central Asia, U.S. Department of State – USA

Alessandro MONTEDURO, Italy Director, “Aid to the Church in Need” – ITALY

Riccardo REDAELLI, Professor of Geopolitics and of History and Institutions of the Islamic Countries, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan – ITALY

Riccardo Shemuel DI SEGNI, Chief Rabbi of the Jewish Community of Rome – ITALY

IlhamAllah Chiara FERRERO, Secretary General, COREIS-Italian Islamic Religious Community – ITALY

Salvatore MARTINEZ, President, Vatican Foundation “Centro Internazionale Famiglia di Nazareth” – ITALY

1.00 pm

Conclusions

Giampiero MASSOLO, President, ISPI-Italian Institute for International Political Studies – ITALY

Working languages: Italian and English with simultaneous translation