25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS BELONGING TO NATIONAL OR ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS AND LINGUISTIC MINORITIES

LOOKING AHEAD - OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY, 12H00-14H00, ROOM XXIV, PALAIS DES NATIONS

OPENING REMARKS

MR. WOLFGANG BRANDSTETTER
Minister of Justice of Austria

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

MR. STAVROS LAMBRINIDIS
European Union's Special Representative for Human Rights

MS. KATE GILMORE
United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

PANELISTS

MS. RITA IZSÁK-NDIAYE
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MS. HALAH KUTAISH
Syrian Druze, UN Minority Fellow

MR. DIMITRIS CHRISTOPOULOS
President of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)

MODERATOR

MR. MARK LATTIMER
Executive Director of Minority Rights Group International (MRG)

In the context of the 25th anniversary of the Declaration on persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, this side event will provide an opportunity to look into the most relevant contemporary and future challenges that minorities around the world are faced with. The side event will focus on the relevance of a minority-rights approach into the efforts to combat intolerance, radicalization and violent extremism. In this regard, it will assess the importance of effective forms of inclusion and public participation as a means to promote peaceful and integrated societies and identify good practices in effectively combatting hate speech and incitement to hatred and violence.

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