THE STATE OF ISRAEL
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8th Seminar on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Antisemitism

27-28 October 2014
Jerusalem, Israel

27 October, Monday
MFA, Avriel Hall

8.30 - 9.00 - Arrival and Registration

9.00 - 9.30 - Opening Remarks
- Ambassador Yuval Rotem, Senior Deputy Director General for Public Diplomacy
- Ambassador Lars Faaborg-Andersen - Head of Delegation of the European Union to Israel
- Akiva Tor, Head of Bureau of World Jewish Affairs and World Religions
- Chiara Adamo - Head of Unit, Fundamental Rights and Rights of the Child Unit, European Commission (DG Justice)

9.30 - 11.15 - First Working Session:

The attack on the Jewish Museum in Brussels: Radicalization and the jihadist Threat to Jewish communities in Europe

- Israel: Ambassador Jacob Rosen, Senior Counsellor - Center for Political Research, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
• European Commission: Chiara Adamo - Head of Unit, Fundamental Rights and Rights of the Child Unit, European Commission (DG Justice)
• European Commission: Marie-Ange Balbinot - Head of Sector, Counter-Terrorism (DG Home Affairs)

• Ambassador Gideon Behar - Director, Department for Combating Antisemitism – Update on Antisemitism Statistics

Open Debate

11.15 - 11.30 - Coffee break

11.30 - 12.30 - Second Working Session:

*Online Antisemitism: Finding Effective Countermeasures*

• *Fundamental Rights Agency: Katerina Vyzvaldova – Seconded National Expert, Equality and Citizens’ Rights Department*
• European Commission: Marie-Ange Balbinot - Head of Sector, Counter-Terrorism (DG Home Affairs)
• European Commission: David Friggieri - Policy Officer, Fundamental Rights and Rights of the Child Unit (DG Justice)
• Israel: Ido Daniel - National Program Director - Israeli Students Combating Antisemitism & National Union of Israeli Students

Open Debate

12.30 - 13.30 – Lunch

13.30 - 15.00 - Third Working Session:

*Combating hate speech and hate crime – experience of both sides.*

• Israel: Adv. Yehuda Shaffer, Deputy State Attorney (Financial Enforcement)
• European Commission: Chiara Adamo - Head of Unit, Fundamental Rights and Rights of the Child Unit (DG Justice)
• Fundamental Rights Agency: Katerina Vyzvaldova – Seconded National Expert, Equality and Citizens' Rights Department

Open Debate
15.00 - 15.15 - Coffee break

15.15 - 16.45 - Fourth Working Session

*Holocaust Remembrance and Dialogue with religions and non-confessional organisations*

- Israel - Richelle Budd Caplan, Director, European Department -International School for Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem
- European Commission: David Friggieri - Policy Officer, Fundamental Rights and Rights of the Child Unit (DG Justice)
- European External Action Service : Verónica Sabbag Afota – Desk Officer for Israel, Middle East II Division, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- European Commission: Katharina Von Schnurbein - Adviser for the Dialogue with Churches, Religions and Philosophical and Non-confessional Organisations, Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA)

Open Debate

*General Issues*

- *Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism 2015*
- Initiatives to Ban Kosher Slaughter and Male Circumcision

16.45 - 17.00 - Closing Remarks

- Akiva Tor, Head, Bureau of World Jewish Affairs and World Religions
- Ambassador Gideon Behar - Director, Department for Combating Antisemitism
- European Commission - Chiara Adamo - Head of Unit, Fundamental Rights and Rights of the Child Unit (DG JUST)

17.00 - Press Briefing
28 October, Tuesday

Yad Vashem, Israel Supreme Court and the Knesset

09.00 - 12.00 - Yad Vashem

12.20 - 13.20 – Lunch (Israel Museum)

13.40 – 14:45 - Meeting with Knesset MK’s from the Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs, at the Knesset

14:45 – 15:00 - Tour of the Knesset

15.30 - 16.15 – Israeli Supreme Court - Meeting with Supreme Court Judge, Professor Elyakim Rubinstein

16.30 - Seminar Conclusion

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