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INVITATION

High-level Panel on “Staying Together – Dialogue in the Face of Violent Extremism”

Monday 26 January 2015, 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Trusteeship Council, UN Headquarters

The Permanent Missions of Sweden and Indonesia to the United Nations would like to invite you to a high-level panel discussion on “Staying Together – Dialogue in the Face of Violent Extremism”.

Recent acts of violent extremism around the world remind us that dialogue is more important than ever. We must stay together, united against those divisive forces which challenge the diversity and core values of our societies. A multifaceted and comprehensive approach is key. The counter-narrative to polarisation is inclusive participation.

This high-level event aims to give new impetus to the promotion of a culture of peace, dignity and respect for human rights, drawing on existing initiatives of the United Nations. Here, the UN Alliance of Civilisations and UNESCO's “Decade for the Rapprochement of Cultures” afford examples of intercultural confidence-building in practice.

How can we together step up efforts to strengthen the voices of moderation? Can we, jointly, find new ways to co-operate in order to counter violent extremism whilst safeguarding a culture of dialogue?

Opening Remarks:

H.E. Ms. Margot Wallström, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Panellists:

H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

H.R.H. Prince Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

H.E. Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO

H.E. Mr. Iyad Amin Madani, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) (*tbc*)

H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilisations (UNAoC)

Dr. Siti Ruhaini Dzuhayatin, representative of the Indonesian civil society

A voice of the Jewish community (*tbc*)

Closing Remarks:

H.E. Mr. Desra Percaya, Permanent Representative, Indonesia

Permanent Representatives, Deputy Permanent Representatives, experts, UN officials as well as representatives from NGOs and the press are invited.

Following the remarks of the panellists, the floor will be opened up for participants.

We look forward to engaging with you in this important discussion.

A Special Event Ticket or UN pass is necessary to attend the event. Please RSVP to birgitta.tsoma@gov.se before 12 pm on 23 January if you do not have a UN pass.