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ANTI-MUSLIM
HATRED
AS AN OBSTACLE TO
THE RIGHT TO
FREEDOM OF
RELIGION OR BELIEF

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE LATEST REPORT OF
THE UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON
FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF**

JOIN US FOR THIS VIRTUAL DISCUSSION!

WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH 2021

1.30 PM – 3 PM (CET)

The most recent report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Dr. Ahmed Shaheed, explores how the phenomenon of anti-Muslim hatred presents an obstacle to the right to freedom of religion or belief and contributes to discrimination and intolerance against Muslims or people perceived to be Muslim.

What are the root causes and the challenges of this phenomenon?

What best practices of promoting freedom of religion or belief, inclusion and non-discrimination are there?

What recommendations shall be made to both public actors and civil society organisations to prevent and tackle anti-Muslim hatred?

PROGRAMME & SPEAKERS

Welcoming remarks by **Ambassador Walter Stevens**, Head of the EU Delegation to the UN and other international organisations in Geneva

Presentation by **Dr. Ahmed Shaheed**, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief of his latest report to the Human Rights Council

Keynote speech by **Mr. Tommaso Chiamparino**, Coordinator on combating anti-Muslim hatred of the European Commission

Panel debate moderated by **Ms. Merete Bilde**, EEAS Policy Advisor

- **Prof. Khaled Beydoun**, Scholar-in-Residence at the Harvard University Berkman Klein Center
- **Dr. Khatija Sana Khader**, Educator and Former OHCHR Minority Fellow, Jammu and Kashmir
- **Mr. Arsalan Suleman**, Former Acting Special Envoy to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation of the U.S. Department of State
- **Ms. Shada Islam**, Founder and Managing Director of New Horizons Project
- **Ms. Iman Abou Atta**, Director of Tell MAMA

Q&A from the floor