

Recognising Difference, Protecting FoRB: A Transatlantic Policy Dialogue

1300hrs-1900hrs on Wednesday 7 September 2016
House of Lords - Committee Room G

1300-1330 *Sandwiches, coffee and registration*

1330-1345 Welcome and introductions by Chair, Lord Jonathan Oates and Policy Brief co-author Dr Fabio Petito

1345-1515 Panel 1 Emerging Multilateral and Multilevel Strategies to Protect FoRB: Challenges and Prospects

Reflecting on the global context and general shift of policy emphasis proposed by the Policy Brief, recognising the significance of the different legal interpretations of FoRB within and beyond the transatlantic community - in particular discussing the prospects and challenges of recommendations 5,6 and 7

- Jan Figel, Special Envoy for FoRB outside the EU
- Ahmed Shaheed, incoming UN special rapporteur on FoRB
- Victoria Alvarado, incoming Senior Advisor and Former Director, Office of International Religious Freedom US Department of State

Discussant: Cole Durham, BYU Law School & President of ICLARS

1515-1530 Coffee Break

1530-1700 Building on Different State-Church Relations and Religious Engagement to Enhance FoRB Abroad: A way forward?

Reflecting on the general shift of policy emphasis suggested by the Policy Brief and discussing the policy implications of recommendations 1,2,3 and 4 with a particular focus on concrete actions and projects that could be effective

Panel 2

- Andrew Bennett, Former Head of the Canadian Office of Religious Freedom
- Sue Breeze, Head, Stable World Team (Freedom of Religion/Post-Holocaust), FCO
- Peter Mandaville, Senior Advisor, Religion and Global Affairs, US Department of State
- Arne Brandsma, Policy Officer for Freedom of Religion and Belief, Human Rights Department, MFA of the Netherlands

Discussant: Silvio Ferrari, University of Milan & Honorary President of ICLARS

1700-1900 **Canapés and drinks reception - Marriot County Hall Hotel, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7PB**