

# From Norms to Action: Addressing Islamophobia and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief – The Nexus to Human Rights

📅 16 March 2026, 14:30 to 18:00

📍 ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations, New York

## PROGRAMME

🕒 2:30 PM - 2:50 PM 🎤 Opening Segment: Setting the Scene

### The Changing Dynamics of Islamophobia Today and its Implications on Peaceful, Cohesive and Just Societies



**H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos**  
Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations and the United Nations Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia



**H.E. Mr. Ahmet Yıldız**  
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**H.E. Mr. Asim Iftikhar Ahmad**  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations



**H.E. Mr. Mehmet Paçacı**  
Ambassador, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on Combating Islamophobia

🕒 2:50 PM - 3:30 PM 🎤 Thematic Session I

### Striking the Balance: Freedom of Expression and the Prohibition of Incitement to Hatred



**H.E. Mr. Omar Hilale**  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations



**Mr. Ignacio García Lumbreras**  
Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations



**Mr. Maher Nasser**  
Director, Outreach Division, United Nations Department of Global Communications



**Ms. Simona Cruciani**  
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