

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

🕒 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM 🗣️ Thematic Panel II

From Policy to Practice: Deep Dive into Existing Institutional Frameworks and National Strategies Addressing Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, Including Islamophobia and anti-Muslim Hatred



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H.E. Mr. Christian Kamill
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Mr. Aftab Malik
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Moderator:
Ms. Nihal Saad
Director, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)

🕒 5:00 PM – 5:50 PM 🗣️ Interventions from the Floor

Interventions from the floor by Member States and Observers

🕒 5:50 PM – 6:00 PM 🗣️ Closing Session

The Way Forward: Forging a System-Wide Response



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. Hameed Ajibaiye Opeloyeru
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