

Friday, November 7, 2014

- 11.30-12: Registration – Stortinget – Norwegian Parliament
- 12-12.30: Welcome by President of Norwegian Parliament
Olemic Thommessen
Venue: Lagtingsalen
- 12.30-13.20/30: Lunch with the President
Venue: Eidsvollsgalleriet
- 13.45-14: Conference program overview
Abid Q. Raja, MP Norway, mediator/host
Venue: N-202 Stortinget (rest of meetings here)
- 14-14.30: Briefing by Norwegian Foreign Minister on religious freedom
Mr. Børge Brende
- 14.30-15: Heiner Bienerfeldt – briefing
- 15-15.30: Coffee break
- 15.30-16.30: Introduction of participants
- 16.30-17.30: Briefing by USCIRF on global state of religious freedom [location TBD]
■ Commissioners Lantos Swett and Glendon, supported by Amb. Wolcott and Thames, explain USCIRF's work and highlight country findings
- 5:30-6:00 Move to dinner location –
- 6:00-7:00 Reception for Parliamentarians [location TBD]
Host – Norway government – Ministry of foreign affairs
- 7:00 Dinner
■ HOST....
■ Opening by Baroness Berridge, MP Raja, Stefanus Alliance
■ Remarks by [Norwegian FM] or [Norwegian Amb for FoRB]

Saturday, November 8, 2014

07-8:15: Breakfast at hotel

08.15: Enter parliament

08.30-09: Initial meeting of Parliamentarians

Welcome by Baroness Berridge

- USCIRF Chair Lantos Swett comments (5 minutes)
- Personal introductions (10 minutes)
- USCIRF/APPG staff outlines how the day will run and goals of the morning (Knox and/or Kay) (10 minutes)
- Address any logistical questions (5 minutes)

9:00-10:45 ***Parliamentary activity to date***

- USCIRF presentation about IRFA and Congressional action by Amb. Jackie Wolcott (10 minutes)
- Presentation by MP Anderson about Canadian efforts (10 minutes)
- Presentation by Baroness Berridge about APPG on FoRB activities (10 minutes)
- Remaining MPs present on areas of interest and activities relating to FoRB (5-10 minutes each)

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 ***Establishing a foundation***

- Establish common framework (USCIRF Commissioner Glendon gives overview of UDHR Art. 18 standard) (15 minutes)
- Discussion of regional standards on freedom of religion or belief (15 minutes)
- Review and adoption of the Charter for Freedom of Religion or Belief (30 minutes)

12:00-1:00 ***Coordinating action between parliaments***

- Presentation about possibilities of coordination (Thames) (15 minutes)
- Open discussion of ways to co-ordinate action between parliamentarians (i.e., introduce simultaneous legislation or resolutions about issues of concern; concurrent public statements; oversight function to question government officials; joint letters to problematic government urging reform) (20 minutes)
- Discussion of practical action [agree to the text of a letter?]
- Closing comments by Baroness Berridge and MP Raja (10 minutes)

13.30-14.30: Lunch with the major of Oslo – TBC -

14.30- Public launch of the IPP on FoRB
Nobel peace Center

- Baroness Berridge remarks
- USCIRF Chair Lantos Swett remarks
- MP Raja remarks
- Foreign minister of Norway?
- Others?

15.00-15.30 Signing declaration at Nobel Peace Center

15.30-16.00 Press availability

16.00-17.30 Civil society meeting – at Nobels peace center -
Open meeting with international civil society moderated by USCIRF
Commissioners [location TBD]

- Presentation about the network
- Conversation about religious freedom globally

17.30-18: Move to dinner location

6:00 Reception [at Ambassador's residence] [country TBD]

7:00 Dinner [at Ambassador's residence] [TBD]

Sunday, November 9, 2014

TBD

Meet with Norwegian civil society groups working on freedom of religion or belief

- Chaired by Ed Brown, Stefanus Alliance