

Minority Rights Group International (MRG) and the Permanent Mission of Austria to the UN are pleased to invite you to a Side Event



## Addressing hate speech against minorities: From theory to practice

Tuesday, 25 November 2014  
13:00 - 15:00

Palais des Nations, Room XXIII

- **Mr Ibrahim SALAMA**, Director of the Human Rights Treaties Division, OHCHR
- **Ms Pascal ESHO WARDA**, former Minister of Immigration and Refugees in the Iraqi Interim Government, Iraq
- **Mr Mark LATTIMER**, Executive Director, Minority Rights Group International
- **Mr Roman BOYAKOV**, minority rights activist from Russia (TBC)
- **Mr Heiner BIELEFELDT**, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion and belief (video message)

Moderator: **H.E. Mr Thomas HAJNOCZI**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN

The issue of hate speech, as a phenomenon paving the way to individual or collective violence against marginalized communities, has been a subject of increasing concern in the past years. This event will be an opportunity to explore, through concrete examples, the role of hate speech in creating environments conducive to violence and crimes targeting minority groups. It will also be an opportunity to present and discuss initiatives taken by civil society groups, individual activists, states and inter-governmental organizations aiming at countering hate speech, and addressing and preventing violence against minorities.

*Light refreshments will be provided*

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