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**Symposium on the Protection of**

**Religious Minorities Worldwide
*Organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations & Pax Romana***

**UN ECOSOC Chamber • November 13, 2014 • 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM**

Program

03:00 pm **Welcoming Remarks**

**H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**, High Representative for the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)

**H.E. Archbishop Bernadito Auza**, Apostolic Nuncio, Observer Mission of the Holy See to the UN

**Mr. Josef Klee**, Pax Romana

3:30pm **Panel Discussion**

*Freedom of religion and protection of minorities as an inherent human right: The role of the international community, national governments and religious leaders in preserving those rights and curbing hate speech.*

**Moderator**: **Francis Dubois**, Former UN Representative in Iraq

**Speakers**:

* + - **Rabbi Roger Ross**, Executive Director, Rabbinical Seminary of America, Chair International Seminary for Interfaith Studies
		- **Dr. Jemilah Mahmoud**, Director World Humanitarian Summit, OCHA
		- **Ms. Nina Shea**, Human Rights Lawyer and Director of Center on Religious Freedom, Hudson Insititute
		- **Professor Elizabeth F. Defeis**, Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School, New Jersey

5:00 pm **Q&A**

6:00 pm **Reception at the UN Church Center 777** 1st Avenue, E 44th St, NY, NY 10017

 ***Event is open to the media.***