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United Against Hate & Fear

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14:30 – 18:00

**European Parliament
60, rue Wiertz – 1047 Brussels
Altiero Spinelli Building (ASP) – Room A3G-3**

Introduction
14:30 - 14:35

Cecile KYENGE, MEP

PANEL I:

HATE SPEECH IN EUROPE

Chair: Cecile Kyenge MEP

14:35 – 14:55

Politics of hate and organised intolerance within European society

Nick Lowles, Founder of Hope not Hate, United Kingdom

14:55 – 15:05

Hate speech and religious intolerance

Video Message from the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Mr. Heiner Bielefeldt

15:05 – 15:25

Hate speech and the current refugee crisis in Europe – European Commission perspective

Paul F. Nemitz, Director - Fundamental Rights and Citizenship
DG Justice, European Commission

15:25 – 15:45

Challenges in regulating hate speech

Andrea Ronchi, Lawyer, Italy

15:45 – 16:00

Hate speech in the European Parliament

Richard Corbett MEP, EP Constitutional Affairs Committee,
Rapporteur on the reform of the EP Rules of procedure

16:00 – 16:10

Question & answer session with the audience

PANEL II: HATE SPEECH vs. FREE SPEECH

16:10 – 16:15 Chair: Tanja Fajon MEP

16:15 – 16:35 **Censorship as ‘Tolerance’**
Jacob Mchangama, Director of Justitia and Founder of The Freedom Rights Project, Denmark

16:35 – 16:55 **Online hate speech: responses and remedies**
Siobhan Cummiskey, Policy Manager, EMEA, **Facebook**

16:55 – 17:00 **Response from the European Commission**, Paul F. Nemitz, Director - Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, DG Justice, European Commission

17:00 – 17:20 **European media speaking out against hate speech**
Ricardo Gutiérrez, General Secretary of the European Federation of Journalists

17:20 – 17:40 **Activation of the Anti-Hate Speech Council in Slovenia**
Nataša Pirc Musar, Chair of the Anti-Hate Speech Council and former Slovenian Information Commissioner

17:40 – 17:50 *Question & answer session with the audience*

Cocktail with buffet service after the conference