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140 Young Muslims and Jews meet at the 6th Annual Muslim Jewish Conference in Berlin

This year's interfaith conference will be held from August 16-23, 2015, under the official Patronage of the German Foreign Minister Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

Berlin, Germany – August 5, 2015: The Muslim Jewish Conference (MJC), a grassroots organization based in Vienna, invites young Muslims and Jews to discuss various aspects of identity, culture, propaganda and prejudice in context of Muslim-Jewish relations in the 21st century. Moreover, guest speaker sessions, mosque and synagogue visits, and other intercultural activities enable participants to appreciate the views of the “other”, and pave way for honest dialogue and partnerships.

This year, the MJC will gather about 140 Muslim and Jewish young leaders from approximately 40 countries in the German capital Berlin. Under the leadership of Ilja Sichrovsky, General Secretary of MJC, a team of fifty volunteers has been working throughout the year to make this conference a success.

Programme Framework 2015

Through discussions in committee sessions, the 2015 conference will focus on some of the most pressing issues facing Muslim-Jewish relations. The themes for this year are anti-Muslim racism and anti-Semitism, gender and religion, art and culture, conflict transformation and the challenges of living as a religious minority. Moreover, MJC 2015 is introducing a new committee – Project Designing and Implementation – where participants will discuss and implement joint projects with the aim of bringing the Muslim and Jewish communities closer.

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Monday, August 17 at 6pm at the German Foreign Ministry, and an official reception will be held for the participants in Berlin's City Hall on Wednesday, August 19 at 6pm. Another highlight of the week-long conference is the visit by the U.S. Government Special Representatives Ira Forman and Sharik Zafaar on Tuesday, August 18 at the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Both Mr. Forman and Mr. Zafaar have been invited to join a panel discussion on "Engaging Jewish and Muslim Communities Worldwide for a Better Future: Combining Governmental and Civil Society Perspectives".

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The MJC has received high-level support from former U.S. President Bill Clinton, member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina Bakir Izetbegovic, the Austrian Federal President Dr. Heinz Fischer and the Counselor to His Majesty the King of Morocco Andre Azoulay, as well as by numerous organizations including OSCE, UN Alliance of Civilizations, Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, University of Vienna, American Embassies in Vienna and Berlin, Kelman Institute and the American Jewish Committee.

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