CONFERENCE WITH SUBJECT

“CIVIL SOCIETY AND ORTHODOXY”

Friday 16 November

17:00-17:30: Orthodox Vespers

17:30 – 19:00: Dinner

19:15: Official Opening of the Conference

Mr. Sergei Popov, President of the I.A.O. General Assembly, Member of the Russian State Duma will Chair throughout the works of the conference

• Welcome address by Rev. Fr. Nicholas C. Triantafilou, President of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

• Greeting address by the President of the I.A.O. General Assembly, Member of the Russian State Duma Mr. Sergei Popov

• Greeting address by Rev. Fr. Thomas FitzGerald, Dean of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

• Report by Mr. Anastasios Nerantzis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, I.A.O. Secretary General

• Key Note Address by His Eminence Demetrios, Archbishop of America

• Greeting addresses by representatives of Churches and Communities

• Reception
Saturday 17 November

(Duration of each report (morning sessions): 15 min.).

09.00 – 10.30  1st Session: Democracy, Civil Society and Orthodoxy

• Mr. Andrew Natsios, Executive Professor, George H.W. Bush School of Government and Public Service

• Mrs. Eirini Dourou, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, I.A.O. Alternate Secretary General

• Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou, Center for European Studies, Harvard University; (Ret.) Vice Chair, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom

• Prof. Valery Alexeev, V. Lomonosov Moscow University, I.A.O. Advisor

Chair: Mr. Lefteris Christoforou, MP, Member of the I.A.O. International Secretariat - Rev. Fr. Nicholas C. Triantafilou, President of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

10.30- 11.00  Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30  2nd Session: Orthodox theology and participatory democracy

• Human Rights and the Orthodox Church (tbc - St Vladimir’s Seminary)

• Religious freedom and the Orthodox Churches (Dr. Kostas Mygdalis, I.A.O. Advisor / Theology Professor from US)

• Participatory Democracy and the Orthodox Church (Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Clapsis, Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Systematic Theology, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology)
Chair: Rev. Fr. Thomas FitzGerald, Dean of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology - Mr. Thomas Katsiantonis, New Hampshire State Representative, Member of the I.A.O. Coordinating Cooperation Committee with the Pan-African Parliament

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

15:00-16:30 3rd Session: The presence of Orthodox Christians in the American Public Space. (Current Situation – Perspectives)

• Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky, Director of External Affairs and Interchurch Relations of the Orthodox Church in America

• Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church

• The Orthodox Churches response to global humanitarian needs (Mr. Pascalis Papouras, Special Assistant to the Executive office of IOCC)

• His Grace Bishop David Anba, General Bishop, Archdiocese of North American, Coptic Orthodox Church

Chair: Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Clapsis, Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Systematic Theology, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology – Mr. Joseph Iskander, Member of the Parliament of Sudan, Member of the I.A.O. International Secretariat

16:30 -17:00: Coffee Break

17.00 – 18:30: 4th Session: Orthodox youth in the Social Sphere

(Reports by students of Theology and the Social Sciences)

• Ms. Nadia Abuelazam
• Thomas Manuel
• Mike Andrzejewski
• To be confirmed - St Vladimir’s Seminary
Chair: Mr. Volen Siderov, Member of the National Assembly of Bulgaria, Chairman of the I.A.O. Committee on Mass Media – Mr. Leonidas Raptakis, Rhode Island State Senate candidate, name - TBC

18:30 - 19:00  Coffee Break

19:00 - 20:30: 5th Session: Civil Society, Representational Democracy and Partisan Politics

Round table.

Participants: Mr. Anastasios Nerantzis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, I.A.O. Secretary General, Mr. Leonidas Raptakis, Rhode Island State Senate candidate, Mr. Joseph Iskander, Member of the Parliament of Sudan, Member of the I.A.O. International Secretariat, Mr. Jaroslav Nilov, Member of the Russian State Duma, Member of the I.A.O. International Secretariat, Chairman of the I.A.O. Financial Committee

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou Center for European Studies, Harvard University; (Ret.) Vice Chair, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom - His Eminence Demetrios, Archbishop of America

Resolution – Conclusions of the conference

Reception