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REMEMBRANCE AND COMBATING ANTISEMITISM

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Preliminary programme as per 27 September 2021

Please find below an updated preliminary programme of the Malmö Forum.

The programme format will be interactive and action-oriented, with a focus on discussions between Heads of Delegations with active moderation. The head moderator of the Malmö Forum is Ms. Hala Gorani, anchor and correspondent for CNN International.

HM King Carl XVI Gustaf and HM Queen Silvia will honour us with their presence at the Malmö Forum throughout the day the 13 October.

Tuesday 12 October

18.00–20.00 Welcome Reception

A welcome reception for the Heads of Delegations will be hosted by the Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven. Delegates are invited to a separate welcome reception. The reception will feature music in Yiddish by the Swedish/Danish duo Ida&Louise.

Wednesday 13 October

08.30–09.45 Doorstep

10.00–11.15 Plenary Session I – Remember

Today, few survivors remain to bear witness to the horrors of the Holocaust. The opening Plenary Session will reflect on the consequences of the diminishing number of survivors and witnesses of the Holocaust, the Roma genocide and the persecution that different groups were exposed to during the Holocaust. The international community has an obligation to ensure that the Holocaust is remembered and that future generations understand the causes of and the process leading up to the Holocaust, and to reflect on its consequences to prevent this from ever happening again.

The first Plenary Session will feature klezmer musician Giora Fiedman and musical performances in Yiddish by Gabrielle Aaron-Johansson, and in Romani by Maria Salamanca Taikon Gonzalez. Among the speakers in this session are Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, Mayor of Malmö Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, President of Israel Isaac Herzog, Professor Yehuda Bauer, President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, President of the World Jewish Congress Ronald Lauder and President of

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the European Roma and Travellers Forum Miranda Vuolasranta. Guests of honour are survivors of the Holocaust who will take part in a conversation with Prime Minister Löfven.

11.15–11.35 Family photo

11.50–12.50 Breakout Sessions

Three parallel Breakout Sessions will feature interactive discussions focusing on the different themes of the Forum with short interventions (approx. 3 min) by Heads of Delegations. The lists of speakers in each session is currently being finalized and will be communicated in the final programme. Each Breakout Session will start with a brief “scene setter” by an expert. The format of these sessions is a moderated conversation where the moderator will play an active role. The organisers kindly ask all speakers to respect the limited time for interventions in order to allow for an interactive conversation. At the end of each session there will be possibilities for questions or comments from delegates

1.1 Promoting remembrance, fighting distortion	1.2 Developing education and reaching new target groups	1.3 Countering contemporary antisemitism and other forms of racism online and offline
<p>This session will focus on the significance of museums, memorials, and commemorative activities to promote Holocaust remembrance. Discussions will also cover how to combat denial and distortion – which includes safeguarding independent free research – to guarantee a correct presentation of historical facts and honour the memory of all victims of the Holocaust and other mass atrocities. This is also a prerequisite for lessons to be learnt and efforts to prevent mass atrocities in the future.</p>	<p>This session will explore the development of Holocaust education and its various aims. These aims include preserving the memory and understanding of the historical course of events, and the role of education as a mean to prevent and combat antisemitism, antigypsyism and other forms of racism. The ways that Holocaust education and education to prevent antisemitism can reach a wider target group and approaches to capacity-building for teachers will also be covered.</p>	<p>This session will explore the nature of contemporary antisemitism and the various contexts where it exists. Discussions will also cover good examples of combating antisemitism, antigypsyism and other forms of racism and intolerance. A special area of emphasis will be antisemitism on social media platforms, Holocaust denial, distortion, disinformation, conspiracy theories and incitement to hate crimes and hate speech online.</p>

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13.00–14.30 Lunch

A lunch for the Heads of Delegations will be hosted by Prime Minister Löfven. Delegates are invited to a separate lunch. The lunch at the Malmö Forum will feature a musical performance by the Alma Quartet from the Malmö Symphony Orchestra.

14.50–15.50 Breakout Sessions

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2.1 Implementing strategies and ensuring security	2.2 Combating antisemitism and hate speech on social	2.3 Preserving testimonies and developing education for the future
<p>This session will deal with the use of different tools, for example strategies and action plans to combat antisemitism, and the appointment of special coordinators/ rapporteurs to combat antisemitism. The session will also explore examples of implementation of the IHRA non-legally binding Working Definitions on antisemitism and antigypsyism/Roma discrimination. Discussions will also cover the promotion of Jewish life and ensuring safety and security of persons belonging to minorities affected by antisemitism, antigypsyism and other forms of racism and intolerance.</p>	<p>This session will address the use of social media to spread disinformation, incite hatred and incitement to violence and how these developments can be prevented and countered by various actors at state, regional and local level (law enforcement, education systems, etc.), social media platform companies and civil society. The session will also explore how social media can be part of the solution to promote human rights and strengthen democracy. Discussions will also cover media and information literacy.</p>	<p>How can we ensure that the testimonies and witnesses of survivors remain accessible and continue to be shared in the future? In order to reach new and changing target groups, diverse forms and methods within Holocaust Education will be explored. This includes coalition-building involving various sectors, such as civil society, experts and academics. Participants will also explore new practices and technologies of reaching out and making an impact.</p>

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16.15–17.15 Plenary Session II – ReAct

The Holocaust was driven by hatred against Jews. However, it affected not only Jews but the whole society. Antisemitism is a concern for society as a whole and may be symptomatic of eroding democracy. Contemporary antisemitism, antigypsyism and other forms of racism and intolerance exist in many forms and flourish in different contexts. Wherever we see it, we must both react – and – act. The concluding Plenary Session will focus on action, the steps forward to ensure implementation of the pledges presented at the Forum, and how we can join forces to strengthen the work for Holocaust remembrance and combating antisemitism and other forms of racism.

This concluding Plenary Session will be opened by the Swedish art music composer, Jacob Mühlrad. In this Session, the cello soloist Johannes Rostamo will perform “Maggid”, composed by Mühlrad. Among the speakers in this Plenary Session are Prime Minister Stefan Löfven, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, President of the European Council Charles Michel and President of the European Jewish Congress Moshe Kantor. The Session will end with a musical performance by Swedish singer Lisa Nilsson.

17.30–18.00 Press Conference

Prime Minister Löfven will host the Malmö Forum press conference. Heads of Delegations will have the opportunity to hold parallel press conferences/interviews.

