**2020 Balkans Forum Against Anti-Semitism**

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# 16:00 OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 2020 BALKANS FORUM AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

Introduction by Nurit Ben, News Anchor

16:03 Welcome by Taulant Balla, Member of Parliament, Chairman of the Socialist Party Parliamentary Group

16:07 Opening Remarks by Gramoz Ruçi, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania

16:14 *Short video clip showing historic documentation of Jews in Albania*

16:18 Remarks by Blerina Gjylameti, Chair of the Albania-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group

16:21 Welcome by H.E Edi Rama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania

16:28 Greetings by H.E Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary of State of the United States of America

16:31 Greetings by H.E David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament

16:35 Greetings by H.E Jacklyn Rosen, United States Senator for Nevada

16:38 Greetings by H.E Omer Yankelevich, Minister of Diaspora Affairs of the State of Israel

16:45 Video on Online Anti-Semitism

16:48 Address by H.E Miguel Ángel Moratinos, United Nations High- Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations

16:53 Address by H.E Yariv Levin, Speaker of Knesset of the State of Israel

16:58 Address by H.E Aleksa Bečič, Speaker of Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro

17:03 Address by H.E Vjosa Osmani, Speaker of Parliament of the Republic of Kosovo

17:08 Address by H.E Talat Xhaferi, Speaker of Parliament North Macedonia Parliament

17:13 Address by Aaron Frenkel, Chairman of the Board of the Euro-Asian Jewish Congress

 17:18 Address by Geront Koreta, President of the Jewish Community of Albania

17:21 Address by Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel

* Isaac Herzog and Robert Singer will offer the Combat Anti-Semitism Movement Award to Speaker of Parliament Gramoz Ruçi for adopting the IHRA definition

17:31 *Video on Anti-Semitism 1,2,3*

# 17:35 ONE ON ONE CONVERSATIONS

#  Conversation with Special Envoy Elan S. Carr, United States Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism

# 17:45 Conversation with Natan Sharansky, Renowned Humans Rights Activist

# 17:55 PANEL: THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

* + Robert Singer, Chairman of the Center for Jewish Impact
	+ Rt Hon. Lord Eric Pickles, United Kingdom’s Special Envoy for Post-Holocaust Issues
	+ Katharina von Schnurbein, European Commission Coordinator for Combating Antisemitism
	+ Dr. Mark Weitzman, Director of Government Affairs of the Simon Wiesenthal Center

 18:25 Video of IHRA

# 18:28 PANEL: PERSPECTIVES ON IMPLEMENTING THE IHRA DEFINITION

* + Amb. Michaela Kuchler, Chair of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance
	+ Rabbi Andrew Baker, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism (AJC)
	+ Lord John Mann, United Kingdom’s Adviser on Anti-Semitism
	+ Valentina Leskaj, Former Vice President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

18:58 Closing Remarks by Mr. Taulant Balla, Chairman of the Socialist Party Parliamentary Group

# 19:00 END OF THE 2020 BALKANS FORUM AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM