



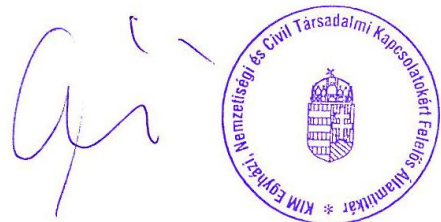
## Final document of the Christian-Jewish-Muslim Interfaith Dialogue Conference

### CHAIR'S SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCE

1. The participants in the conference held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Gödöllő greatly appreciated the initiative of the Hungarian Presidency of the European Union in convening this important conference on Christian-Jewish-Muslim interfaith dialogue.
2. The conference welcomed participants from Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities within the European Union and also from these communities in the Middle East, Turkey and Russia. Representatives of universities and of governments of the Member States of the European Union were also welcome participants.
3. The conference considered many questions such as religious diversity and migration and it confirmed particularly the fundamental importance of religious freedom as an essential element in the spectrum of universal human rights. It was noted with deep concern that the freedom to manifest religious belief was severely restricted in many parts of the world and that violence against believers, particularly at present against Christian believers, but also the ongoing expressions of Islamophobia and anti-Semitism and discrimination against other religious or ethnic minorities is widespread.
4. Human dignity is at the heart of Judaism, Christianity and Islam and is rooted in their respective understandings of the relationship between God and humanity. It is this relationship which provides the fundamental basis for the respect in which all human beings should be held.
5. The conference recognised the value of the diversity of peoples that has always been part of European heritage and through migration is increasing in many countries. It is essential that European societies receive migrants with proper respect for their dignity as human beings and welcome the opportunity to deepen the possibilities of diversity in unity through genuine processes of integration.
6. Religious belief is an essential contributor to a healthy society and public authorities must guarantee the free expression of religious values with appropriate respect for religious symbols. Tendencies, from whichever source, to marginalise or diminish the legitimate role of religious belief and practice should be opposed. It is important to encourage education and dialogue between different religious and belief perspectives.
7. The initiative of the Hungarian presidency was warmly welcomed by the conference participants who encouraged future Presidencies to take forward the work undertaken at Gödöllő in order to ensure further initiatives of this kind consistently with Article 17 of the Lisbon Treaty.

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