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RESOURCE PERSONS
Mr. Joseph Dana, Editor-in-Chief, emerge85
Mr. Ahmed Shihab-Eldin, Senior Correspondent and Producer, AJ+

13:30 - 14:30      Initial statements and panel discussion
14:30 - 15:30      Q&A session

CONCLUDING SESSION
15:30 - 16:00

CLOSING STATEMENTS
H.E. Ambassador Riyad Mansour, Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations
Ms. Gertraud Borea d’Olmo, Secretary General, Bruno Kreisky Forum for international Dialogue
Ms. Alison Smale, Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, United Nations

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#### WELCOMING REMARKS

Remarks from Mr. Yury Fedotov, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna, to be delivered by Mr. John Brandolino, Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

#### OPENING STATEMENTS

- **Ms. Alison Smale**, Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, United Nations
- **Ms. Gertraud Borea d’Olmo**, Secretary General, Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue

#### MESSAGES

- H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Fodé Seck, Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations, Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

10:45 - 11:00 Break

### PANEL I

#### Time: 11:00 - 13:00

- **Quest for peace in the Middle East and the impact of 50 years of occupation on future prospects**

**Moderator:** Ms. Alison Smale, Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, United Nations

- Mr. Avraham Burg, former Speaker of the Knesset
- Ms. Zaha Hassan, former Coordinator and Senior Legal Advisor to the Palestinian Negotiation Team
- **Ms. Gudrun Harrer**, Senior Editor, *Der Standard*

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### PANEL II

#### Time: 15:00 - 17:30

- **Empathy as an alternative way for seeking peace**

**Moderator:** Ms. Gertraud Borea d’Olmo, Secretary General, Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue

- Mr. Ahmad Abu Akel, Research Fellow, Institute of Psychology, University of Lausanne
- Mr. Stephen Apkon, Executive Director, Disturbing the Peace
- **Mr. Simon Baron-Cohen**, Professor, Developmental Psychopathology, the University of Cambridge
- Ms. Gaby Goldman, Director of Communications, Hand in Hand: Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel
- Ms. Haifa Staiti, Executive Director, Empathy for Peace

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### PANEL III

#### Time: 9:30 - 12:00

- **Media narratives and public perceptions from the Israeli and Palestinian perspectives**

**Moderator:** Ms. Viola Raheb, Theologian, Vienna University

- Ms. Allyn Fisher-Ilan, News Editor, *The Jerusalem Post*
- Ms. Amira Hanania, TV Presenter, Palestine TV
- Mr. Daoud Kuttab, Columnist and Journalist
- Dr. Yonatan Mendel, Director, Center for Jewish-Arab Relations, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

#### RESOURCE PERSONS

- Ms. Tala Halawa, Journalist
- Mr. Noam Sheizaf, Journalist, *972 Magazine*

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### PANEL IV

#### Time: 13:30 - 15:30

- **The Israel-Palestine conflict through the lens of international media**

**Moderator:** Mr. Maher Nasser, Director, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information, United Nations

- Ms. Taghreed El Khodary, Journalist and scholar
- Dr. Edmund Ghareeb, Professor, American University
- Dr. Tony Klug, Special Advisor on the Middle East, the Oxford Research Group
- Ms. Barbara Plett Usher, U.S. State Department Correspondent, BBC
- Ms. Alexandra Rojkov, Freelance journalist

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