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INVITATION

The Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations
and

The German Commission of Justice and Peace

cordially invite you to a side event
at the margins of the Third Committee of the 70th UNGA on

Cooperation between Faith-based Organizations in Promoting Freedom of Religion or Belief

The right to freedom of religion or belief faces numerous challenges these days. When it comes to promoting this fundamental right, we often hear of contributions made by religious leaders and their joint efforts to this end. However, the human rights work at the grassroots level, which in many societies is performed jointly by faith-based organizations belonging to different religious backgrounds, lacks recognition in the context of inter-religious dialogue.

This panel discussion aims to encourage greater public exposure of the important cooperation between faith-based organizations at the grassroots level.

Welcoming remarks:

- **Ambassador Dr. Harald BRAUN, Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations**

Panelists:

- **Bishop Dr. Stephan ACKERMANN, President of the German Commission of Justice and Peace**
- **Prof. Abdullahi Ahmed AN-NA'IM, Professor of Law at Emory Law School**
- **Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Heiner BIELEFELDT, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief**
- **Prof. Amina WADUD, Professor and International Consultant on Islam, Gender and Justice**

The discussion will be moderated by Dr. Daniel LEGUTKE, Human Rights Desk at the German Commission of Justice and Peace.

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2015

Time: 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Venue: UN HQ, Conference Room 7

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