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SPECIAL MEETING TO SHARE LESSONS LEARNED AND EXCHANGE GOOD PRACTICES TO ADVANCE A REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, AND RELIGION OR BELIEF

DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2020

Time: 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Place: Simón Bolívar Room

1. Adoption of the order of business (CP/CAJP-3525/19 rev. 6)
2. Freedom of religion and belief: A global mission with regional specificity
	* Presentation by:
		+ H.E. Samuel D. Brownback, United States Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom
		+ Commissioner Edgar Stuardo Ralón Orellana, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
3. International, constitutional, and legal frameworks: Freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief
	* Presentations by:
		+ Mr. Paulo Abrão, Executive Secretariat, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
		+ Ms. María Esperanza Adrianzen, Director of Interconfessional Affairs, Peruvian Ministry of Justice and Human Rights ([CV](http://scm.oas.org/pdfs/2020/CVADRIANZEN.pdf)) - video presentation
		+ Mr. Rob Oliphant, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada ([CV](http://scm.oas.org/pdfs/2020/CVROB.pdf)) - video presentation
4. Religious freedom: strategies, lessons learned, and best practices for protecting and promoting freedom of religion or belief
	* Presentations by:
		+ Professor Ana María Célis, Director of the Center for Law and Religion at the *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile* and President of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS) (CV)
		+ Professor Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves, Member of the Faculty of Law of *Universidade Federal de Uberlândia* and Leading Researcher of the Brazilian Center for Studies in Law and Religion (CEDIRE) ([CV](http://scm.oas.org/pdfs/2020/CBVITORINO.pdf))
		+ Professor Nicolas Panotto, Managing Director, Multidisciplinary Studies Group on Religion and Public Advocacy (GEMRIP) ([CV](http://scm.oas.org/pdfs/2020/CVPANOTTO.pdf)) - video presentation
		+ Professor Brett G. Scharffs, Rex E. Lee Chair and Professor of Law at Brigham Young University’s J. Reuben Clark Law School ([CV](http://scm.oas.org/pdfs/2020/SCHARFFS.pdf))
		+ Mr. David J. Michaels, Director of United Nations and Intercommunal Affairs at B'nai B'rith International ([CV](http://scm.oas.org/pdfs/2020/MICHAELS.pdf))
5. Lessons learned and exchange of ideas and comments by member states and permanent observers regarding freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief
	* Remarks by member states and permanent observers

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