



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone to the Multinational Efforts to Promote Freedom of Religion or Belief Conference.

Faith communities are vital to the strength of New York City with the countless ways they add to the unity of our neighborhoods, and each of these groups deserve to be protected from discrimination, no matter where they are in the world. The International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung have worked to encourage tolerance for people of all beliefs, and their important mission has fostered international cooperation to protect human rights. By bringing together world leaders and diplomats at the United Nations, this conference will help combine efforts to advance religious freedom, and I applaud all those in attendance for their commitment to this cause. Together, we will help move our global community forward to secure a better future for the next generation.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, please accept my best wishes for an informative conference and an enjoyable stay in our great city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio  
Mayor