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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

• **Ph.D. in Laws, *Summa Cum Laude*** on: The Origins and Horizon of the Religious Liberty. The United Nations' Diplomacy in Action for Defense of Human Rights and Religious Freedom. Doctoral studies were carried out with Oxford University and University Complutense Madrid.

• **Masters' degrees & titles** in: Education, Theology, Laws, Human Rights, Philosophy of Law, High International Studies; expertise and teaching on Diplomacy for Religious Liberty and Education for Freedom of Conscience, Peace & Security.

• **Scholarship at OXFORD University** in 2008; academic researcher and professor lecturer at the University Complutense MADRID (2008-2023).

• **Visiting professor/ keynote speaker** at HARWARD LAW SCHOOL (2018-2023).

• **Keynote speaker at the G-20 Interfaith Forums**, held in Turkish, China, Germany, Japan (2014-2019), and under the Italian Presidency of the G-7 at the "International Conference on Security and Hate Speech".

• **Permanent Representative at the United Nations** in Geneva, New York and Vienna (2011-2021); expert on human rights and religious liberty at the Council of Europe (invited by the CoE as human rights' expert at the International Conferences organized by the Council of Europe and the Governments of Armenia and Azerbaijan, held in Yerevan and Baku in 2013 and 2014); Permanent Representative **at the European Parliament**, and Representative at the **Council of Europe** (Conference of INGOs) and **at the OSCE** (2011-2021).

• **Organizer of nine top events**: international conferences held in Madrid at University Complutense, in Brussels at European Parliament, in Geneva, New York and Vienna at the Palais des Nations of the UN, & co-organizer with the United Nations of the First Global Summit on Religion Peace Security, held at the UN in Geneva in 2016, and of the Second Global Summit on Religion Peace Security held in 2019 at Palais des Nations in Geneva too.

• **Coordinator of humanitarian projects on education and 'training the trainers'** on human rights and religious liberty, held in Uganda Africa (during summers from 2007 to 2012).

• **Lawyer at Madrid Bar** - Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacia de Madrid (ICAM), since 2008 – today.

• **Journalist** (Romania – for 'Speranta' (1990-1996); (Spain – for 'Conciencia y Libertad' (2000-2011)); and editor-in-chief (Switzerland & Belgium) of the journals: 'Conscience & Liberty' & 'Ambassadors for Liberty, Hope and Peace' (2011- 2021).

• **A broad understanding of the world's history on liberty**, human dignity, human rights, fundamental freedoms, current events and trends; and a broad expertise on education and values, prophecy, diplomacy, inter-culture and inter-religious dialogue, international organizations, geopolitics and governments.

• **Extensive experience by acting and researching** in theology, education, laws, diplomacy, anthropology, and experience in leadership/administration as director of Ethnic Communities at the UICASDE Spain (2000-2011), and as Permanent Representative at the UN and regional organizations, and director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty at the Inter-European Division Switzerland (2011-2021).

• **Author or coordinator of fourteen books** written in English and translated into French, German, Romanian, Italian, Portuguese; author of many papers, articles, published by the AIDLR Switzerland, Editorial Tirant lo Blanch Valencia Spain, editorial Il Molino Italy, Conscience and Liberty Bern Switzerland, Constiinta si Libertate Bucharest, Editura Universitara Brasov, Viata si Sanatate Bucharest Romania, etc.

• **Excellent communication skills; multilingual international working experience** (writing and speaking: English, Spanish, Romanian; good understanding: French, etc.); intermediate computer literacy; highly dynamic, creative and detail-oriented; team spirit, proactive in projects, vision and integrity

WORK EXPERIENCE

• **Founder/ President & CEO of the AMBASSADORS for DIGNITY & FREEDOM International Foundation** (A4D); the foundation has been created in 2008 under the name ProVivereDignum (in stand-by from 2012 to 2023), and renamed in 2023 as "Ambassadors for Dignity and Freedom International Foundation (A4D); (the website of the foundation www.ambassadors4dignity.org is now under construction); during the II Global Summit on Religion (Religious Liberty), Peace, Security, co-organized by Dr. Liviu Olteanu and H.E. Adama Dieng (the Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser of the SG of the United Nations), held at the Palace des Nations in Geneva, it was proposed to be created a Global Platform on Education for Dignity and Freedom, Diplomacy and Religious Liberty, Culture and Development, Peace and Security; by A4D, Liviu Olteanu wants assuming this role.

• **Secretary-General** of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty (AIDLR) that is a Messenger of Peace of the United Nations; it was founded in 1946 by Jean Nussbaum and Eleanor Roosevelt, Bern Switzerland, 2011- 2021.

• **Permanent Representative to the UNITED NATIONS**, in Geneva, New York and Vienna, in behalf of the aidlr (2011-2021).

• **Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty** at General Conference of Inter-European Division (EUD), headquarters in Bern Switzerland, working in the Offices of Brussels, since November 2011 to May 2021.

• **Participatory Status Representative to the COUNCIL OF EUROPE in Strasbourg**, to **the EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT** in Brussels and Strasbourg, and to the O.S.C.E. since 2011 to 2021.

• **Author of the multidisciplinary and multi-institutional project: "DIALOGUE FIVE Framework**" (Governmental – Diplomatic – Religious – Academic – Civil Society/ NGOs/ media representatives), Liviu Olteanu ©2013.

• **Initiator and Coordinator of the First GLOBAL SUMMIT "Religion, Peace, Security**" on *"Religious Freedom's Influence on Peace and Security and the Need to Coordinate the Dialogue Five Actors"*; the summit was co-organized with the U.N. Office of Genocide Prevention and Responsibility to Protect, and cosponsored by European Union and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain, and held at the United Nations, Palais des Nations in Geneva, in November 2016.

• **Initiator and Co-organizer of the Concert Gala of MADRIGAL CHOIR** held **at the United Nations in Geneva,** and co-organized with the Embassy of Romania at the UN in Geneva (by H.E. Ambassador Adrian Vierita); that cultural event was sponsored too by ProVivereDignum; MADRIGAL CHOIR received the Award of Excellence Ambassador for Liberty and Peace, from Dr. Liviu Olteanu, the prize's founder.

• **Co-organizer and Coordinator of the SECOND GLOBAL SUMMIT on Religion (Religious Liberty), Peace, Security** on: *"Building Bridges, Fostering Inclusivity and Countering Hate Speech to Enhance the Protection of Religious Minorities, Refugees and Migrants",* co-organized with the UN Office of Genocide Prevention, held at the UN Palais des Nations in Geneva, from 29 April to 1 May 2019; academic director & spokeperson with Member States' ambassadors and diplomats to the U.N. on the summit.

• **Co-author of the worldwide document** "**Roadmap to Implementation A Summary Report & Recommendation to the United Nations Plan of Action on Hate Speech**", document co-signed in 2019 with H.E. Adama Dieng, the Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General on Genocide Prevention.

• **Director & editor-in-chief of the 'Conscience and Liberty'** magazine, by AIDLR publisher, from Bern Switzerland, and he published books and magazines in English, French and German, since 2011 to 2021.

• **Founder & Director of the Journal** "**Ambassadors for Liberty, Hope and Peace**", Brussels Begium, 2016.

• **Founder of the "International Award of Excellence 'Ambassador for Liberty and Peace' - Jean Nussbaum and Eleanor Roosevelt"**. Since 2016, LO awarded with this prize: Madrigal Choir from Romania; H.E. Adama Dieng UN Under-Secretary-General; H.E. Michael Moller Director General UNOG; Katarzyna Gardapkhadze Deputy-Director OSCE; artist Li Guodong China/Thailand; H.E. Eduardo Vera Jardin former minister of justice Portugal; Rabbi Michael Melchior Israel; H.E. Shaykh Abdallah Bin Bayyah president Forum for Peace UAE; Ricardo Garcia, Ministry of Justice Spain; H.E. Shaikh Muhammad Al-Yaqoubi, scholar and religious leader from Syria/Morocco, etc.

• **Attorney at Laws**, licensed member of **the Madrid Bar (Ilustre Colegio de la Abogacia de Madrid)**, Madrid Spain, 2008 – 2023.

• **Director of Ethic Communities, Human Rights, Religious Liberty at UICASDE, Madrid, Spain**, between 2000 – 2011.

• **Editor and journalist** of "Hope", magazine of Culture and Education from Romania, between 1990 – 1996; member of the Romanian Federation of Journalism (SZR) & of the International Federation of Journalists (FIJ) from Brussels.

• **Professor & theologian** at Conferences of Moldova and Southern Transylvania, headquartered in Bacau and Tirgu-Mures, living in Suceava, Dorohoi & Sighisoara Romania, between 1982-2000.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

Exchanges of official letters and/or meetings of Liviu Olteanu with statemen, policymakers, scholars, religious leaders, other officials, and courses/seminars delivered at Universities too:

• **COURSES** delivered in MADRID at **Law School, UNIVERSITY COMPLUTENSE MADRID**, on : *Institutions of the European Union: The functioning of the European Union and Other Regional and International Organizations*, March 2023.

• **COURSES** delivered in MADRID at **Law School, UNIVERSITY COMPLUTENSE MADRID**, on *The Structure and Functioning of the United Nations and its Diplomacy in Action for Religious Liberty and International Organizations*, November 2022.

• **SEMINAR** delivered for professors at **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL,** CAMBRIDGE Massachusetts, USA, during the International Seminar Human Dignity and Law on the paper: *How New World Scenarios' Face Freedom of Conscience and Human Dignity in Time of Emergency Laws*, June 2022.

• **The TV LightHopeFreedom** program, launched in BRUSSELS on The Future Began Yesterday, based on Public Affairs, Religious Liberty, Justice & Signs of the Times project; has been interviewed Ted Wilson, the president of the GC of SDA from Washington DC.; the creation of five documentaries, Brussels, January 2021.

• **OFFICIAL EXCHANGE LETTERS** on 27 and 29 May 2020, BRUSSELS and GENEVA, between Liviu Olteanu (LO) and **H.E. MICHELLE BACHELET**, **the High Commissioner of OHCHR**. Based on the UN Secretary-General message that "Covid-19 pandemic is a public health emergency, an economic crisis, a social crisis, and a human crisis that is fast becoming a human rights crisis, Liviu' letter expressed that "there is a danger of *hate speech pandemic* too" and growing violence and discrimination against vulnerable groups". The High Commissioner in her prompt answer described the constant actions the OHCHR, Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies have produced" ensuring that "the struggle for equality and justice is at the heart of the UN's work".

• **OFFICIAL EXCHANGE LETTERS** in BRUSSELS, on 3 May and 2 July 2020, Exchange of Letters between LO and **H.E. URSULA VAN DER LEYEN**, **the European Commission President**. In his letter of 3 of May, Dr. Olteanu argued to President Leyen on the importance of religious freedom and its influence of the EU policy for a better world without discrimination, and requested to maintain the mandate of Special Envoy for FoRB outside the EU. President Leyen assured Dr. Olteanu in her letter of 2 of July that: "Promotion and protection of Freedom of Religion or Belief continues to feature among the priorities of the external agenda of the EU on Human Rights".

• **MEETING** in GENEVA, on 4 March 2020, in GENEVA at the United Nations during the 43rd Session of the Human Rights Council, Liviu Olteanu met and talked with **H.E. Dr. Ahmed SHAHEED**, the **UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief**. The focus of their discussions was on how do we can cooperate to find practical solution for a discriminatory issue having a religious liberty bias.

• **MEETING** in GENEVA on 5 March 2020, Palais des Nations, in GENEVA: During the UN Human Rights Council, 43rd session, **H.E. Pekka METSO, the Ambassador-at Large** for the Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue Processes at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, requested a meeting with Dr. Liviu Olteanu and he exchanged points of views on international threats that affect worldwide religious liberty that could seriously impact religious communities during this 'coronavirus' period and its possible consequences on the horizon for religious liberty.

• **MEETING** in STRASBOURG, on 27 January 2020, STRASBOURG France, with H.E. **David ZALKALIANI, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Georgia, and the President of the Council of Ministers of the Council of Europe** (from November 2019 to May 2020), during the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe held in Strasbourg in January 2020. Liviu Olteanu offered his expertise to Foreign Affairs Minister of Georgia in fostering the importance of education and the active role civil society can play on behalf of human rights, religious liberty and democracy, and as a solution in favor of peace for our region.

• **MEETING** in ABU DHABI from 9–11 December 2019, at Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates, the Sixth Assembly of the Forum for Promoting Peace. During this Forum, organized by the Foreign Affairs Minister of Emirates and **Shaikh Abdullah BIN BAYYAH**, Dr. Olteanu highlighted and appreciated the important document proposed for all Muslim countries - the Charter of Virtue - with core values as education for tolerance and religious liberty.

• **MEETING** in ABU DHABI on 10 December 2019, with the H.E. **Vice President of Nigeria, Professor Yemi OSINBAJO** met Dr. Liviu Olteanu. Vice President underlined at the 'Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies on "whom does the responsibility rest to bear the torch of tolerance and illuminate new pathways to a shared future", and the answer of Dr. Olteanu expressed to him was that "all actors had a well-defined place in this puzzle of peace for humanity".

• **MEETING** in JAKARTA from 16-18 November 2019, at the 11 Advisory Group Meeting (AGM) of the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers held in Jakarta. Invited by Oman to the International Day for Tolerance, celebrated in 16 November 2019, in Jakarta, Dr. Liviu Olteanu talked with **Oman's Minister of Endowments and Religious Affairs Sheikh Abdullah Bin Mohammed AL SALMI** on the need of a constant campaign of education of all actors that must start by 'training the trainers' on how to promote religious tolerance, mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence.

• **MEETING** in DUBAI from 13-14 November, 2019. Dr. Liviu Olteanu talked in Dubai with **H.E. Dr. Hamad Bin Al Sheikh Ahmed AL SHAIBANI**, Managing Director of the International Institute for Tolerance and Chairman of the Higher Committee of WTS who organized from 13-14 November 2019 under the Patronage of **His Highness, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE**

and Ruler of Dubai the international event focused on how education and knowledge-sharing can be a powerful tool to raise awareness on tolerance in diversity.

• **MEETING** in STRASBOURG at Council of Europe on First of October 2019 of Liviu Olteanu with **EMMANUEL MACRON,** the **French President**. At the 70th Anniversary of the Council of Europe, held in Strasbourg, Dr. Liviu Olteanu talked with the Honorable Emmanuel Macron on *the need to preserve the individual rights and freedom*" and "*how do we defend freedom of expression while hate speech is spreading*". Dr. Olteanu after exchanged some ideas with President Macron, offered to French President three books: "Agents and Ambassadors for Peace. Protecting Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Expression Against Violence in the Name of Religion", "Religious Freedom's Influence on Peace and Security", "Diplomacy and Education for Religious Freedom. The role of preventive diplomacy and education on changing mindsets and fostering sustainable development goals (SDGs)".

• **MEETING** in STRASBOURG on 2 October 2019, at the **COUNCIL OF EUROPE** in STRASBOURG France, with **H.E. Marija PEJCINOVIC BURIC,** Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, on the importance of the pillars of the Council of Europe - Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law, and how to provide international support, was the subject of the meeting between the Honorable Marija PEJCINOVIC BURIC, the new Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, and Dr. Liviu Olteanu.

• **MEETING** in KYOTO on 14 June 2019, at **DOSHISHA UNIVERSITY**, Kyoto Japan. Dr. Liviu Olteanu has participated in an academic meeting at Doshisha University in Kyoto where he spoke about the "Dialogue Five" framework that he launched internationally. During that meeting, LO talked with **Prof. Dr. Hisae NAKANISHI,** Dean and Professor of the Graduate School of Global Studies, Doshisha University and with **Prof. Dr. Ada TAGGAR-COHEN,** Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Study of the Monotheistic Religions (CISMOR) on the academic work of CISMOR and also on the Global Summits on Religion, Peace and Security as international project opened to all actors.

• **MEETINGS** from April 29 to May 1, 2019, at the **UN Palais des Nations** in GENEVA, Liviu Olteanu coordinated The SECOND GLOBAL SUMMIT 'RELIGION, PEACE, SECURITY held at the UN Palais des Nations, and as academic director he talked on *Building Bridges, Fostering Inclusivity and Countering Hate Speech to Enhance the Protection of Religious Minorities, Refugees and Migrants*. During the summit, LO talked on *supporting the religious liberty as a solution for peace and security*, with hundreds of diplomats and ambassadors, ministers, religious leaders, scholars, people of culture and businessmen/women from all the world and getting the special support of the UNOG, OHCHR, UNESCO, UNFPA, OSCE, UN Missions.

• **The United Nations HIGH LEVEL DOCUMENT prepared**. From May 1 to June 30, 2019, in GENEVA, NEW YORK and BRUSSELS, has been prepared the ROADMAP TO IMPLEMENTATION A SUMMARY REPORT & RECOMMENDATION TO THE U.N. PLAN OF ACTION ON HATE SPEECH. Dr. Olteanu coordinated the work of three committees of international experts, held at the United Nations Palais des Nations in Geneva, New York Headquarters and Brussels, preparing the Roadmap to Implementation A Summary Report & Recommendation to the United Nations Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech. This Document was signed in behalf of the UN by H.E. Adama Dieng Under-Secretary-General Special Adviser of UN Secretary-General on Genocide Prevention and in behalf of committees of experts by Dr. Liviu Olteanu.

• **MEETINGS** in JERUSALEM at the **Supreme Court of Israel,** and at the **Hebrew University,** from April 3 to 7, 2019, JERUSALEM and Rehovot, Israel. Meeting with **JUDGE DAPHNE BARAK-EREZ at the Supreme Court of Israel,** former Israeli Law Professor, and talking on *The Common Approach of All Actors on Education for Dignity and Defense of Conscience as a Core Principle for All People.* Other meetings with: the Rector, Vice-Rector of Shimon Perez Law School and with **MICHAEL KARAYANNI**, the Dean of Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

• **MEETINGS at European Parliament** in BRUSSELS, on November 20, 2018, held in Brussels. During the *High Level Conference of the 70th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, Dr. Liviu Olteanu talked with President of European Parliament Antonio TAJANI, also with Pier Antonio PANZERI, David McALLISTER from the European Parliament staff, Katarzyna GARDAPKHADZE from the OSCE, other officials. During that meeting, LO stated: *I would like to stress that we need to defend 'the other' more that defending ourselves; if we do that, we will defend our own peace, security and our society* and Dr. Liviu reminded to the Parliamentary audience, waht Madame Eleanor ROOSEVELT said: *Basic human rights are simple and easily understood: freedom of speech and a free press; freedom of conscience and worship, etc. The immediate*

test is not only to the extent to which human rights and freedoms have already been achieved, but the direction in which the world is moving.

• **MEETINGS**. From 10 to 13 June, 2019, at KYOTO JAPAN, during **the G-20 Interfaith Forum** where Dr. Liviu Olteanu delivered a keynote speech on: *Global Compact Based on Human Dignity and Being A Part of Solution, Shaping Together All (Dialogue Five) Actors A Sustainable Future,* met and talked with political leaders, scholars and diplomats, among them: high representatives of Kyoto Prefecture, City of Kyoto, Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Kyoto Prefectural Parliament, House by Patriarch of Shingon Buddhism Omuro Sect Most Venerable Taishu Segawa, Most Rev Masanori Yoshimura Patriarch of Shinshu-kyo, Rev. Hideo Ishibashi President of Japan Confederation of Christian Churches, Cardinal Man'yo Maeda Archbishop of Osaka, Most Ven. Shunro Morita Chief Abbot of Shiten'noji Temple, Ambassador Alvaro Albacete from KAICIID, Rt. Rev. Yoshinobu MIYAKE, Chair of the Board of Int'l Shinto Studies Association, etc.

• **MEETINGS** in TOKYO during the 2019 **the G-20 Interfaith Forum** held in **TOKYO** from June 7 to 9 at the New Otani Makuhari Hotel, I talked with Dr. Haruhisa HANDA, a Japanese Shinto leader and philanthropist, chair of Worldwide Support for Development, I talked with H.E. Sir **JOHN KEY**, former prime minister of New Zealand, H.E. **David CAMERON** former prime minister of UK, H.E. **Enda KENNY**, former prime minister of Ireland, H.E. **Graça MACHEL**, the first education minister of Mozambique, Dr. **Jan FIGEL**, the EU Special Envoy for FoRB, and with the religious leaders, **Lord Carey of CLIFTON**, the 103rd archbishop of Canterbury, and Gunnar Stålsett, the bishop emeritus of Oslo. The keynote speech delivered by Dr. Liviu Olteanu at G-20 meeting was on: *Addressing Root Causes of Violence Linked to Religious Identities by Fostering the Protection of the Fundamental Freedoms Based on Human Dignity.*

• **COONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING** in WASHINGTON DC., **with various Members of Congress**, held in WASHINGTON DC at the US CAPITOL from 9 -12 April 2018, during the Religious Liberty Partnership Consultation.

• **MEETINGS** at the **UN Palais des Nations** in GENEVA, in March 5, 2018, during the Side-event organized by Liviu during the HRC 37th Session. Keynote speech of Liviu was on *Religious Freedom's Influence on Peace and Security.* The event was co-sponsored by the UN Permanent Missions of Colombia and Spain. Guests speakers during the event organized by LO were: H.E. Dr. Ahmed Shaheed Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief; H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Salama, Head Chief, Human Rights Treaties Branch Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights; H.E. Ambassador Belen Alfaro, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain. Moderator was H.E. Ambassador Beatriz Londono Soto, Mission of Colombia at the UN in Geneva.

• **At the EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT** in BUSSELS**:** two **TV CHANNEL TALK-SHOWS** moderated by LO on *Challenges for Freedom of Religion and Conscience in Europe & If Do we Look Peace, Let's Have a Different Approach on How Religion or Belief Should Empower People to Work for Common Humanity.* February 27, 2018.
• **EXCHANGE** in JERUSALEM during the 6th Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism, March 19, 2018, held at the International Convention Center in Jerusalem. During this Forum Dr. Olteanu had meetings with the Ministries of Justice participating to Jerusalem, with policymakers and statemen such as the **RUMEN RADEV, the Bulgarian President**, etc.

• **EXCHANGE** with **ANTONIO GUTERRES** the Secretary General of the UNITED NATIONS in NEW YORK at the UN Headquarters, on July 14, 2017, on the UN diplomacy to defend religious liberty, peace and security. Liviu Olteanu delivered a keynote at the "Launch of the Plan of Action for Religious Leaders and Actors to Prevent Incitement to Violence that Could Lead to Atrocity Crimes on: *Modernity and Preventing Incitement to Violence Begins with Acknowledging the Rights, Dignity and Perspectives of Everyone and Treating Others as One Would Like To Be Treated.*

• **MEETINGS** with **HE Rafael CATALA POLO, Minister of Justice from Spain**, and with **Ambassador Alfaro BELEN,** from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain, and with other ministers, scholars, religious leaders, during the Second International Conference organized by professor Liviu Olteanu at Complutense University of Madrid, Law School, from 12 May to 13 May 2016, on *Freedom, Religious Liberty, and Security in the Context of International Insecurity. Security by Education on Prevention against Violence, Terrorism and Genocide in the Name of Religion, Developing a Holistic Framework*. Speakers: H.E. Mr. Adama DIENG, UN Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser of Secretary-General on Prevention of Genocide, H.E. Dr. Katrina LANTOS SWETT, United States Commission International Religious Freedom USCIRF, H.E. Rafael CATALA POLO, Minister of Justice of Spain, Ambassador Alfaro BELEN, etc.

• **CONFERENCES** on Human Rights for leaders in Uganda, from 2007 to 2012 during Summer sessions as well as coordinating humanitarian projects.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Doctor of Laws, *Summa Cum Laude* on UN Diplomacy for Human Rights & Religious Liberty - 2015.

At Law School, Complutense University of Madrid, with doctoral scholarship and research made at Oxford University. The PhD dissertation was on: "**Origins and Horizon of Religious Liberty. The United Nations Diplomacy in Action for the Protection of Human Rights and Religious Freedom".**

Researcher and Professor, Human Rights Institute, and Law School 2004 - 2015
Law Philosophy Department, Law School, University Complutense of Madrid

Since 2013 Liviu Olteanu was the creator of and started to promote and develop internationally the **"Dialogue Five Framework**" as a solution to the international concerned issues, with the participation of 5 categories of actors: a) Diplomats, b) Politicians, c) Religious Leaders, d) Academia and e) Civil Society (International NGOs, Media, Business) Representatives

Diploma of Advanced International Studies 2010
Rey Juan Carlos University of Madrid

"International Relationships in the 21st Century". Rey Juan Carlos University of Madrid, the Society of International Studies (SEI) and the Ministry of Culture of Spain

Master's Degree in Theology (M.Th.) 2009
Andrews University, Michigan, USA

Master Degree organized by Andrews University Michigan US, and developed at School of Theology, Collonges France and UAE Valencia Spain.

Complementary Research of Doctoral Studies 2008
Oxford University
Scholarship conceded by Oxford University (Balliol College - Prof. Joseph Raz) and British Council.

Diploma in Advanced Legal Studies (Diploma Estudios Avanzados)/ Master of Laws (M.A.S.)
Law School, Complutense University of Madrid 2007

Diploma of International Human Rights Expert 2005
Law School, Complutense University of Madrid, Human Rights Institute

Master's Degree in Education (M.Ed.) 1998-2000
Universidad Adventista del Plata, Argentina

Universidad Adventista del Plata, Argentina. Courses delivered at UAE Valencia Spain

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) **with Master Dissertation** on "The Council of Europe and International Protection of Human Rights" at the University Lucian Blaga, School of Law, Sibiu Romania 1999

Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) with Dissertation on Case Study: Confluence of Theology with History, at University Babes-Bolyai of Cluj Napoca Romania 1998

PUBLICATIONS, STUDIES, ARTICLES, DOCUMENTS

• **PAPER** delivered by Liviu Olteanu (LO) in June 2022 at HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, during the International Seminar on: *Human Dignity, Vulnerability, and Social Justice,* paper delivered under the title: *How New World Scenarios Face Freedom of Conscience and Human Dignity. Countering Hatred, Abuses & Hate Speech in Time of Emergency Laws*; the paper is printed in the book coordinated by Jose Maria Puyol Montero, written in English for HARVARD RCC, and printed by Tirant lo Blanch, 2023 (the book will be launched in next some weeks).

• **PAPER** delivered by LO at HARVARD Law School, Cambridge Massachusetts, USA, during International Seminar Life and Human Dignity, and published under the title: *Questions and Answers on Human Dignity and the Legal Approach During Period of Covid-19 Pandemic, Violence and Abuse of Power That Affects Vulnerable People. Based on Exchanges of Letters with the United Nations and the European Commission, Noting the Trends in the United States*, pag. 214-240, published in the book coordinated by Jose Maria Puyol Montero, "Human Dignity and Law. Studies on the Dignity of Human Life", Num. 123, HARVARD RCC, Tirant lo Blanch, 2021.

• **BOOK**. *The "D5 ACTORS" and All States of the World Must Strongly Condemn Hate Speech, Political and Religious Abuse, Discrimination, Surveillance and Religious Persecution,* published in French: "Les acteurs du

« D5 » et tout les États du monde doivent condamner fermement les discours de haine, les abus politiques et religieux, la discrimination, la surveillance et la persecution religieuse", Volume two of 'Dignite Droits, Justice' ; The book is coordinated and edited in French by Liviu Olteanu ; printed on September 2021.

• **ARTICLE**. *Condamner Fermement les Discours de haine, la surveillance et la persécution religieuse », published for French book: « Les acteurs du « D5 » et tout les États du monde doivent condamner fermement les discours de haine, les abus politiques et religieux, la discrimination, la surveillance et la persecution religieuse*, August 2021.

• **BOOK**. *DIGNITE DROITS JUSTICE (Volume 1) : Construire des ponts, favoriser l'intégration et lutter contre les discours de haine pour renforcer la protection des minorités religieuses, des refugies et des migrants*. The book was coordinated and edited by LO and based on the Second Global Summit on Religion, Peace and Security, co-organized by Dr. Liviu Olteanu and H.E. Adama Dieng the UN Office of Genocide Prevention, and held at the UN Palais des Nations Geneva. Printed by AIDLR Bern, Switzerland, September 2020.

• **BOOK**. *DIGNITY, RIGHTS, JUSTICE. Building Bridges, Fostering Inclusivity and Countering Hate Speech to Enhance the Protection of Religious Minorities, Refugees and Migrants*. The book was coordinated and edited by Dr. LO and was based on the Second Global Summit on Religion, Peace and Security, co-organized by the UN Office of Genocide Prevention and the AIDLR, and held at the UN Palais des Nations in Geneva; published in Bern, Switzerland, February 2020.

• **ARTICLE**. *Let Be Those Ambassadors That Make A Stance For The Other*, published in the book: Dignity, Rights, Justice, edited by Liviu Olteanu, published in Bern Switzerland, 2020.

• **PAPER** written by LO for HARVARD LAW SCHOOL International Seminar, having the title: *At the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of United Nations: Fostering the Protection of the Fundamental Freedoms Based on Human Dignity*, with an introduction to a Case Study on Human Dignity and Rule of Law in Romania. The paper was published by Tirant Lo Blanch, Valencia Spain, in the book coordinated by Dr. Jose Maria PUYOL Montero: New Challenges for Law: Studies on the Dignity of Human Life, 2020.

• **U.N. DOCUMENT**: ROADMAP TO IMPLEMENTATION – A SUMMARY REPORT & RECOMMENDATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS PLAN OF ACTION ON HATE SPEECH. Coordinated and edited by Dr. Liviu Olteanu and co-signed by H.E. Adama Dieng (Special Advisor of the UN Secretary General) and Liviu Olteanu, GENEVA, BRUSSELS, NEW YORK, November 2019.

• **PAPER** delivered by Dr. Liviu Olteanu in KYOTO Japan at G-20 Interfaith Forum, organized for scholars and religious leaders: *Global Compact Based on Human Dignity and Being A Part of Solution, Shaping Together All 'Dialogue Five' Actors A Sustainable Future*, 11 June 2019.

• **PAPER** delivered by Dr. Liviu Olteanu in TOKYO Japan at the G-20 Interfaith Forum, during the panel "From Vile to Violence: Freedom of Religion and Belief and Peacebuilding: *Addressing root causes of violence linked to religious identities by fostering the protection of the fundamental freedoms based on human dignity*, 7.6.2019.

• **PAPER** delivered at HARVARD Law School CAMBRIDGE Massachusetts, United States, by Dr. Liviu Olteanu at the International Conference organized by Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard, The Harvard Institute for Global Law and Policy, The Harvard Law School Criminal Justice Policy Program, and Harvard Medical School, Colombia University, on: *At the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fostering the Protection of the Fundamental Freedoms Based on Human Dignity*, June 22, 2018.

• **PAPER** delivered by Dr. Liviu Olteanu in ROME, during the "International Conference on Security and Hate Speech" developed in Rome, UNDER ITALIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE G-7 and named: *ACTORS' Education and its Role on Legality, Hate Speech and Security*, September 2017. It was published in the book: Security and Hate Speech. Personal Safety and Data Security: Rights in the Age of Social Media, book edited by Salvadore Sica and Giorgio Codiglione, Societa Editrice Il Mulino, Rome 2018.

• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered by LO in GENEVA at Palais des Nations on *Freedom of Religion or Belief, Cultural Rights and Women on Education's Role for Changing Public Mindset on Women and Girls in the Field of Freedom of Religion or Belief by Coordinating International (Dialogue Five)' Actors*, Geneva, May 23, 2018.

• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered by LO at the Third International Conference, organized in Madrid at Complutense University on: *Fostering Peace! Educators' s Ways to Stop Discrimination and Extremism that Affect Freedom, Life and Practice of Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Conscience*, Madrid, April 23, 2018.

• **BOOK**. *Religious Freedom's Influence on Peace and Security*, coordinated and published by Liviu Olteanu, Geneva, March, 2017/2018.

• **BOOK**. *Diplomacy and Education for Religious Freedom, A Priority for Public Policy*, coordinated and published by Liviu Olteanu, Bern Switzerland, 2018/2019.

• **STATEMENT** on the *Violence and Abuse of Power*, published in BRUSSELS, in May 2020 at www.aidlr.org by Dr. Liviu Olteanu who *condemned the cruelty of the American law-enforcement officer" against George Floyd, but condemned also the street violence, destroying property and committing robbery.* Looking to find pacific solution to all kind of violence, LO proposed in attention of all people the attitude of Desmond Tutu who said: If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. Also Dr. Olteanu urged governments towards the fair and equal treatment of all people and to heal our broken communities with the

empathy, love and compassion of Jesus, because, as Martin Luther King stated : Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. Yes, every person matters, May 2020, Brussels.
• **LAUNCHED** by LO at the U.N. Palais des Nations in GENEVA, the **SECOND GLOBAL SUMMIT** on RELIGION, PEACE SECURITY, Co-organized with the UN and cosponsored by Minister of Affairs of Spain, European Union, Colombia, and other organizations, November 2019.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in BRUSSELS at the International Seminar organized by LO at the European Parliament, on: *Challenges for Freedom of Conscience & Religion in Europe and Regional Security*, Brussels, February 27, 2018. Seminar was organized by Liviu Olteanu and cosponsored by MEP Hannu Takkula (ALDE) and MEP Csaba Sogor (EPP), February 2018.
• **ORGANIZING** in MADRID the THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, at University Complutense Madrid with the support of H.E. Adama Dieng the UN Special Adviser of UN Secretary-General, and H.E. Ahmed Shaheed Special Rapporteur on FoRB; also KEYNOTE SPEECH delivered by LO at University Complutense, in June 2018.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in WARSAW at the OSCE/ODIHR, on: *A Special Attention to the Protection of Human Rights, Fighting Terrorism, the Right to a Fair Trial and Democratic Law-Making*, Warsaw, September 2017.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in NEW YORK at the UN Headquarters on *Modernity and preventing incitement to violence begins with acknowledging the rights, dignity and perspectives of everyone and treating others as one would like to be treated*, New York, July 14, 2017.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in September 19, 2017 at WARSAW, under the Working Session 12 & 13 of the OSCE/ODIHR, on *A Special Attention to the Protection of Human Rights, Fighting Terrorism, the Right to a Fair Trial and Democratic Law-Making*.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in VIENNA, at the OSCE/ODIHR on *Three Proposals Addressed to the OSCE' Members States as Contribution for Security and Peace on Combatting Anti-Semitism, Intolerance and Discrimination Against Christians, Muslims and Members of Other Religions*, Vienna, June 22-23, 2017.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered at POTSDAM University, Germany, during the G-20 INTERFAITH FORUM on *'Dialogue Five' Framework for Human Rights, SDGs, Religious Liberty, Peace and Security - How to combat the Shrinking space of civil society*, June 15-17, 2017.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in GENEVA on June 2, 2017 at the Palais des Nations United Nations on *The Women for a Better World on Development, Peace and Security in the 21st Century*.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in BRASILIA BRAZIL, at the Religious Liberty Partnership, on *Multiculturalism, Secularism, Security and Religious Freedom*, at Religious Liberty Partnership, Brasilia, Brazil". April 3-6, 2017.
• **WRITTEN STATEMENT** for the UN, wrote by Liviu and published by the United Nations at: A/HRC/34/NGO/42 Human Rights Council, 34th Session, agenda item 3, February 22, 2017. The written statement is named *Declaration and Concluding remarks on Global Summit: Religion Peace Security: How to foster better understanding between civilizations, cultures and religions, for the purpose to enhancing peace, security and human rights*.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in BEIJING, at the G-20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT that took place in Beijing China, from August 29 to September 2, 2016, on *International Trends on Human Rights and Religious Liberty.*
• **ORGANIZING** in MADRID the SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE at University Complutense Madrid with the support of the UN Special Rapporteur on FoRB, and KEYNOTE SPEECH of LO delivered on June 2018.
• **LAUNCHED** by LO at the U.N. Palais des Nations in GENEVA, the FIRST GLOBAL SUMMIT on RELIGION, PEACE SECURITY, from 29 April -1 May 2016. Co-organized together with the UN and cosponsored by Norway, Spain, Council of Europe, European Union, the International Foundation 'Ambassadors for Dignity & Freedom' (named that time as Pro Vivere Dignum Foundation), May 2016.
• **COORDINATED** & **ORGANIZED** in GENEVA, the CONCERT of MADRIGAL CHOIR, in partnership with Romanian Embassy (H.E. Ambassador Adrian Vierita), concert held at the UNITED NATIONS in Geneva in May 2016.
• **BOOK**. *Se souvenir du passe. 70 anniversaire de l'Association Internationale pour la Défense de la Liberté Religieuse 1946-2016*, Bern Switzerland, 2016/ 2017
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered by LO at the G-20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT**,** that took in Beijing China, from August 29 to September 2, 2016, on *International Trends on Human Rights and Religious Liberty.*
• **JOURNAL FOUNDED**. *Ambassadors for Liberty, Hope and Peace* – the journal is prepared for diplomats, statesmen, religious leaders, and scholars, y was launched on September 2016.
• **BOOK**. *Agents and Ambassadors for Peace. Protecting Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Expression Against Violence in the Name of Religion*, published in English, French, and German 2015.
• Participated at the G-20 Interfaith Summit on Religion, Harmony and Sustainable Development, November 16 to 18, 2015, Istanbul, Turkey, 2015.

• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in ROME, by LO during the International Conference organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy held from September 18 to 20, 2015, on *Human rights and freedom of religion in today's world. Some proposals on global trends and attitudes.*
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in BAKU, by LO on *Human rights and religious liberty* at the meeting of **Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe** who organized with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan, *the Intercultural dialogue: Interaction Between Culture and Religion,* held in BAKU, on September 2014.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH & LAUNCHING** Side-Event on *Conscience and Liberty - Worldwide Human Rights and Religious Liberty* at PALAIS DES NATIONS IN GENEVA, on June 2014, during the 26th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (OHCHR) ; the event was co-sponsored by the missions of Canada, Norway, Uruguay, Spain and the Council of Europe to the United Nations in Geneva.
• **COORDONATED & ORGANIZED the FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE** at University Complutense MADRID, and **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered on January 17 to 18, 2014 on *Human Rights, Religious Liberty and Religious Minorities in the World: A new balance or new challenges for the freedom of religion,* followed by the Concert Ambassadors of Liberty, Hope and Peace, held at the Eben-Ezer Church from Russia street, Madrid.
• **TWO ORAL STATEMENTS**, submitted by LO in November 2013 to the UN Human Right Council, Forum on Religious Minorities, hosted in GENEVA at the Palais des Nations, on *Religious Liberty and Religious Minorities*.
• **AUTHOR** of **'DIALOGUE FIVE'** framework, as multidisciplinary and multi-institutional project, based on five categories of actors working in three levels: national, regional, global, with the support of Governmental - Diplomatic - Religious - Academic - Civil Society (NGOs, media, businessmen, youth representatives) on *Human Rights, Religious Liberty and Religious Minorities*, initiates at Madrid University Complutense, on November 2013.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in YEREVAN Armenia by LO during the COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING 2013, organized together with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, Edward Nalbandian, on *Religious Dimenision of Intercultural Dialogue : Religiou Liberty in the World Today- Concerns and Garanties* (Dimension religieuse du dialogue intercultural.Liberte de religion dans le monde d'aujourd'hui, defis et guaranties). Dr. Liviu Olteanu was invited as expert on human rights and International Conference took place in YEREVAN, from 2–3 September, 2013.
• **STATEMENT** delivered in WARSAW Poland, at the O.S.C.E., y published by the Official Documents of OSCE HDIM. NGO/0376 from 30 September 2015, Conference Meeting. Statement submitted by Dr Liviu Olteanu on behalf of the AIDLR on: *Challenges & Statesmen Attitudes – Let us Look to Solutions*, Warsaw Poland, 2015.
• **DOCTORAL RESEARCH**: *Origins and Horizons of the Religious Liberty. The United Nations and Diplomacy in Action for the Protection of Religious Liberty*, (Ph.D. dissertation on Law and Diplomacy, 860 pages), MADRID Spain, 2015.
• **WRITTEH STATEMENT for the UN**, wrote by LO and published by the United Nations at: A/HRC/28/NGO/164; it was submitted at United Nations General Assembly Human Rights Council (HRC) Session 28th, on: *United for liberty, peace & security and against violence & terrorism in the name of religion*. March, 2015.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered by Dr. Liviu Olteanu in Bucharest at the Romanian Parliament, on November 19, 2015, during the international conference organized by the Romanian Parliamentary Commission on Justice and the Conscience and Liberty Association.
• **KEYNOTE SPEECH** delivered in Brussels at the European Parliament**,** December 10, 2015, on *Religion, Security and Human Rights*.
• **BOOK**: *History of Liberty and Respect for Differences, focused on Great Masters of Humankind on Liberty, and Liberty of Conscience and Religion*, LO is its coordinator and editor, BERN Switzerland. December 2014.
• **ACADEMIC RESEARCH**: *What Color Has the 'Spirituality'?* – University of Transylvania, Brasov, published by Editura Universitara, BRASOV, 2014.
• **STATEMENT** summited in WARSAW by LO at the O.S.C.E/ H.D.I.M., Warsaw Poland, Official Documents O.S.C.E/HDIM NGO/ 0392/14 on: *Freedom of thinking, conscience and religion - Challenges and Perspectives. Appeal to Release Adventist Pastor Abducted During Church Service in East Ukraine*, working session 14, October 1st, Warsaw, 2014.
• **WRITTEN STATEMENT for the UN**, published by the UN at: A/HRC/27/NGO/26, submitted by Liviu Olteanu at United Nations HRC Session 27th on: *United Nations and International Community to Act Immediately and Decisively by Coordinated Response to Provide Protection Against the Persecution of Christians and other Minorities in Iraq and Syria, Which Are Being Perpetrated by the Islamic State*, September, Geneva, 2014.
• **STATEMENT** summited in WARSAW at the O.S.C.E – Official Documents: OSCE HDIM. NGO/0314/14 from September 30, 2014, during the Conference Meeting Statement submitted by Liviu Olteanu, on: *Urgent*

Appeal - Let's Work for No More Intolerance, Discrimination and Persecution in O.S.C.E Region and Worldwide, working session 13, September, Warsaw Poland 2014.
• **WRITTEN STATEMENT** for the UN, published by the UN at: A/HRC/25/NGO/121, submitted at United Nations HRC Session 25th, by Liviu Olteanu on: *Religious Liberty and Religious Minorities - 'Dialog five' - Developing a holistic framework*, March, Geneva, 2014
• **ARTICLE**. *Values Education and the Role of Religion in Promoting a Culture of Peace in the 21st Century*, Conscience and Liberty, Nr. 73, BERN Switzerland, 2013.
• **BOOK**. *Worldwide Human Rights and Religious Liberty – A New Equilibrium or New Challenges on the Anniversary of 1700 Years Since the Edict of Milan (313-2013).* Coordinated and edited by Dr. Liviu Olteanu, BERN Switzerland, 2013.
• **ARTICLE**. *Human Rights and Universality: A Necessary and Continuous Relationship, Conscience and Liberty*, BERN Switzerland, October 2012.
• **ACADEMIC RESEARCH**. *A Key Triangle in the International Law: Freedom, Security, and Dignity. Their Confluences in the International Context*, (International Study Society, Rey Juan Carlos University), MADRID Spain, 2010.
• **ARTICLE**. *The Role of Values Education: Moral Values and Conflictive Multiculturalism. (Association for the Defense of Religious Freedom*, MADRID, 2009.
• **ARTICLES**. *Education and Religious Freedom* **&** *Education Subjected to Values and Dignity*, Complutense University of Madrid, MADRID, 2007.
• **BOOK**. *The Sunset : Bible Prophecy & Final Events*, printed in Romanian, SIGHISOARA TgMures Romania, 2000

RECOGNITION – REMARKS

H.E. Mr. ADAMA DIENG, **the Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser of Secretary General of the United Nations on the Prevention of Genocide**, underlined in 2017: "Dear Liviu, the year 2016 will be remembered as the cornerstone in the cooperation between us and our two organizations. The Global Summit on "Religion, Peace and Security" was also a turning point in our search for a better world, immune of atrocity crimes, a world which will celebrate the freedom of religion, a world without any form of discrimination. It is my sincere hope that we and our organizations will continue together their Journey for Peace. Once again, allow me to congratulate you for the success of such memorable event [the Global Summit Religion Peace Security held at the UN in Geneva that you initiated] and I look forward to see you soon in New York and to discuss future plans as a follow-up to the Global Summit and identify other potential areas of cooperation." **In the interview** that ADAMA DIENG gave me in 2019, he stated again: I would also encourage you to keep up the excellent work and focus now on the work on the engaging with the Dialogue Five platform to implement the recommendations of two Global Summits. A wise man once said that "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance". I feel that I can speak confidently on this principle because it is one whose breach I faced the consequences of every day in my work at the ICTR. The international catastrophically compromised its duty to prevent mass atrocity and genocide when it failed Rwanda in 1994 and Srebenica in 1995. And now, I feel it is my duty to remind the international community that the values have promoted and advanced require continuing and constant vigilance.

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe Mr. THORBJORN JAGLAND, after the meeting of Council of Europe co-organized with the Government of Armenia and hosted at Yerevan, wrote to Liviu on 2013: *"Dear Liviu Olteanu, Your personal contribution to the exchanges, in particular last year in Yerevan, was very much appreciated and I'm confident that this dialogue will be continued both in your organization and in Council of Europe."*

The UN Secretary General Mr. BAN KI-moon, wrote: "*Dear Secretary General Mr. Olteanu, I appreciate your support for the United Nations. I hope your organization will continue to work with the UN for world peace and human rights.*"

According to the **UNESCO's Letter**: "*On behalf of* **Mrs IRINA BOKOVA, Director- General of UNESCO***,* I wish to thank you Dr. Liviu Olteanu for the letter that you addressed to the Organization…The defense of religious liberty is an integral part of efforts to protect and promote cultural diversity; a central priority for UNESCO. It is an ethical imperative that is inseparable from respect for human dignity and that should be pursued in full conformity with the human rights and fundamental freedoms guaranteed by international law. As you rightly stress in your letter, the creation of an environment of tolerance, mutual respect and understanding, one which guarantees the full enjoyment of the freedom of conscience and religion, requires that all concerned actors and stakeholders work together closely."

DR. HEINER BIELEFELDT, **United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief** (2010-2016), after the launch of the 'Dialogue Five' framework at the First International Conference on Religious Liberty, hosted in Madrid in 2014 at the University Complutense, wrote: *I attach great importance to the design of Madrid Conference - proposed by Dr. Liviu Olteanu as "Dialogue Five" framework - for the systematic consideration to have 'five' different actors, different institutions' presence but also at various levels of Human Rights Institutions*. We have human rights obligations at different levels: national, regional and international and religious beliefs and human rights develop in different directions and can mutually undermine each other. We have the Council of Europe approach, the EU approach, various national approaches, the UN approach. We need coordination: one purpose is to avoid a mutual undermining of the authority of human rights standards and for that reason we have to know one another better. The structure of Madrid Conference was demonstrating how to avoid damage, risky situations or a loss of authority because one institution could be played off against other institutions. The Madrid Conference really sets an example, this is something we have to do, is really something we should copy, it is a good and useful; we should establish that on a regular basis in fact. The project of your organization needs developing a consistence holistic framework at various levels, institutions and elements of infrastructure to fit together. (A/HRC/25/NGO/121)."

H.E. DR. AHMED SHAHEED, **United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief** (2016-2022), in an interview he gave to me and published in the book "Diplomacy & Education for Religious Freedom, A Priority for Public Policy" (2018), underlined: "*My predecessor Professor Heiner Bielefeldt took full advantage by recommending and stressing initiatives such as the 'Dialogue Five' framework created by Dr. Liviu Olteanu.* I very much intent to continue this approach and I believe that without it we will never be able to fully realize the right to freedom of religion or belief. This is why I have encouraged all stakeholders - including states, faith leaders and civil society – to fully engage with (...). It is no exaggeration to say that without the vision, efforts and persistence of Dr. Jean Nussbaum, Eleanor Roosevelt and other people, the development of the normative framework related to the protection and promotion of this foundational right would not be where it is today. And that is to say nothing of the critical and exemplary role that AIDLR has played in bridging the gap between civil society and human rights bodies both at the national and international levels, including UN human rights mechanisms such as my mandate".

Mr. GABRIEL MAURER, Executive Secretary of the Inter-European Division (EUD) and Vice-President of the AIDLR (1993–2015): *"Your dedication to the promotion and defense of freedom of conscience, human dignity and religious liberty is highly appreciated and much needed in our more and more complex world. By joined forces and support we may succeed to make this world a better place to live and to open a perspective towards eternity".*

H.E. Ambassador DR. PETRU DUMITRIU, **Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations, former Ambassador and Permanent Observer of the Council of Europe at the UN in Geneva**, stated: "It has been a real honour for me to be in a position to work with your organization whose vocation, mission and accomplishments are genuinely consonant with those of the United Nations Human Rights institutions. What the United Nations is doing by raising awareness, enhancing cooperation and codifying international law, AIDLR is doing by spiritual elevation and moral altitude. *I am grateful to dr. Liviu Olteanu - whose personal commitment and devotion to the mission of religious liberty are matched only by his unbridled passion and enthusiasm - for having associated me, the United Nations and the Council of Europe, with a remarkable work in service to dignity and liberty".*

According to **DR. BRUNO VERTALLIER**, **the President of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty (AIDLR) and President of the Inter-European Division**, Bern Switzerland: Liviu Olteanu is a suitable person to work in the field of international relations, especially with the United Nations, because of his personality, academic background, integrity, capacity and competency in public affairs and human rights. At the core of his personality, I recognize moral values in Liviu Olteanu. I would identify them as respect for men of all faiths and beliefs. I recognize in him a strong will for dialog and a search for balance and honesty in the quest for human dignity. (Conscience & Liberty 73/2012, p. 7)".