



Permanent Mission of Italy  
to the United Nations



**Preventive diplomacy and the changing landscape of modern conflicts:  
Panel discussion on the role of regional organizations**

Tuesday, 2 October 2018

15:00 – 18:00, ECOSOC Conference Room, UN Headquarters, NY

*Draft Agenda*

**15:00 – 15:40 Introductory Remarks**

- H.E. Ms. Mariangela Zappia, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Lamberto Zannier, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- H.E. Ms. Rosemary DiCarlo, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs
- H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President-elect of the United Nations General Assembly [TBC]

*The High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM) is mandated by the 57 participating States of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) to prevent tensions over national minority issues from escalating into conflict. This event, an initiative by the OSCE HCNM, in co-operation with the United Nations, the Italian OSCE Chairmanship and major regional organizations (African Union, ASEAN, EU, LAS, OAS and SCO), aims to present regional models of preventive diplomacy with a particular focus on sustainable integration of diverse societies, relevant for crises and/or conflicts within States or otherwise of an inter-ethnic or hybrid nature.*

**15:45– 18:00 Presentations followed by Discussions**

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Lamberto Zannier, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

Panellists:

- H.E. Mr. Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the Organization of American States
- H.E. Mr. Vladimir Potapenko, Deputy Secretary-General and Head of Department of International Affairs, Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- H.E. Mr. Maged Abdelfattah Abdelaziz, Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States at the United Nations
- H.E. Ms. Joanne Adamson, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Ertuğrul Apakan, Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine
- United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Representative [TBC]
- African Union Representative [TBC]
- ASEAN Representative [TBC]

*The nature of conflict has changed dramatically over the last few decades. Today, we increasingly face acute crises and hybrid conflict characterized by internal strife at the heart of our society. Panellists will consider challenges in preventive diplomacy for regional organizations and multilateral diplomacy and the various causes of conflict, including those arising from identity issues such as the use of language, education and interpretation of history. Participants will draw from the experience of their own organisations in order to discuss and raise awareness about key policy recommendations and practices.*