

tension and conflict in the world, underlining the vital importance of enhanced service and mutual cooperation. In this context, the delegates unanimously condemned acts of violence against innocent persons, terrorism, oppression, persecution, and the desecration of sacred places. It is never acceptable to use religion to justify such acts or to conflate such acts with religion.

2. The education of young people, be it in the family, school, university, church or mosque, is of the utmost importance for the promotion of a well-rounded identity which builds respect for others. To this end, school curricula and textbooks should portray an objective and respectful image of the other.
3. The participants affirmed the importance of the culture of interreligious dialogue for deepening mutual understanding. This is required to overcome prejudice, suspicions and inappropriate generalisations, all of which damage the peaceful relationships we all seek.
4. It was felt that dialogue should lead to action, particularly among young
5. people. The delegates acknowledge many examples across the world of
6. active Catholic-Muslim collaboration in educational, charitable and relief efforts, and recognised the need to build on this record and to intensify mutual cooperation in future.

On Wednesday 12th November, His Holiness Pope Francis gave an audience in which he greeted all the participants, encouraging them to persevere on the path of Christian-Muslim dialogue, and was pleased to note their shared commitment to the selfless and disinterested service of society.

Finally, the delegates expressed their satisfaction at a fruitful encounter, and looked forward to the next meeting of the Forum.

Seminar On Ten Years of the Afghan Constitution (Kabul, Afghanistan, 29 November 2014)

Mohammad Hashim Kamali

Professor Kamali's new book entitled "Afghanistan's Constitution Ten Years On: What are the Issues?" was launched in Kabul at an event in Kabul Serena Hotel organised by the Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit on 29 November 2014. Professor Kamali spoke at the event which was officiated by the second Deputy President of Afghanistan, H E Sarwar Danish. A large number of prominent figures, MPs and media representatives attended the event. Prof Kamali also appeared on Afghanistan 1TV news and events that featured the occasion and book launch in

Kabul. Professor Kamali's book was published in three languages, English, Dari and Pashto.

In his speech at this book launch, Professor Kamali identified key constitutional issues that have arisen over the past decade since the promulgation of the 2004 constitution. The event also marked the tenth anniversary of that constitution. Former Foreign Minister, Dr Rangin Spanta, and Deputy Commissioner of Independent Human Rights Commission of Afghanistan, Mr Farid Hamidi also presented on the state of fundamental rights, and separation of powers, respectively. The seminar concluded with a question and answer session.

Concept and Programme: Afghan Legal Studies Conference (Kabul, Afghanistan, 1-3 December 2014)

Mohammad Hashim Kamali

Professor Kamali presented a paper entitled "Constitutional Interpretation and Adjudication and the Relationship Between Executive and Parliament During Karzai Administration" at the inaugural sessions of the Afghan Legal Studies Conference in Kabul. The Conference was held to provide a forum for scholars from Afghanistan and abroad where they can present the results of their research. The conference was organised by The Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law of Germany, which provides assistance, consultation, and training to Afghanistan in various fields including legal research. The organisers plan to strengthen academic exchange among Afghan law professors, Ph.D. students and independent researchers and connect them with the international scientific community.

The Hamida Barmaki Organisation for the Rule of Law (HBORL), joint organiser of the event also provides assistance in the areas of rule of law, access to justice, human rights and social peace in Afghanistan. Fourteen candidates have been selected so far to write doctoral dissertations in different fields of law. Five of them presented some of their research results at the conference.

The organisers are also planning to publish an annual book series, the Yearbook of Afghan Legal Studies. Selected conference papers will subsequently be published in Dari in 1393/2014 in the first volume of this series. Professor Kamali was selected as member of the International Scientific Advisory Board of this proposed yearbook.