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Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Colleagues,

Allow me to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who joined us in person in Prague for the High-Level Conference of IRFBA – the Article 18 Alliance, held on 12–13 November 2025.

Please find attached the **Chair Statement**, which was delivered at the conclusion of the conference, as well as the **letter from His Holiness the Dalai Lama**, whose message offered an inspiring reminder of our shared responsibility to uphold freedom of religion or belief. We are also including the **link to the conference website**, where you may access video recordings from the proceedings.

As we look ahead, I would like to kindly request your continued cooperation in advocating for the **Religious Prisoners of Conscience** to whom the conference was dedicated:

- **Y Quynh Bdap** (Vietnam/Thailand, Montagnard Christian)
- **Junaid Hafeez** (Pakistan, Muslim)
- **Zeynab Jalalian** (Kurdish Sunni, Iran) and **Maryam Akbari-Monfared** (Shia, Iran)
- **Mahvash Sabet** (Iran, Baha'i)
- **Gulshan Abbas** (Uyghur, China), **Wang Yi** (Christian, China), and **Ilham Tohti** (Uyghur, China)
- **Hussein Mohammed Al Tenawi**, **Omar Mahmoud Abdel Maguid**, and **Hazem Saied Abdel Moatamed** (Egypt, Ahmadi)
- **Yahaya Sharif-Aminu** (Nigeria, Sufi Muslim)

Thank you once again for coming to Prague and for your commitment to the Alliance. I look forward to meeting again—hopefully next year—as we continue our shared work in defending freedom of religion or belief for all.

Sincerely,

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Ambassador at Large