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## **Global Dignity and Kindness Champion Giovanna Mingarelli to Represent Canada at BPUR's Global Conference in Morocco**

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Rabat, Morocco May 9, 2022 – Giovanna Mingarelli, chief executive officer and founder of Canadian-based M&C Consulting, as well as Canadian Chair of the non-religious, non-political nonprofit organization, Global Dignity, will be among nearly 100 legislative sponsors, diplomats, former officials and distinguished dignitaries from around the world to help legislate the International Treaty to Ban the Political Use of Religion (BPUR).

Ms. Mingarelli will join her international colleagues at the BPUR conference, held in Rabat, Morocco from May 11-12, which will further build an international consensus on setting global rules to ban all political abuses of religion.

“BPUR legislates the requirement for governments to respect all religions of the world, but to inhibit the dangerous practices of abuse and undermining people’s dignity. I believe in a world of kindness, and BPUR works to extend global kindness and dignity by preventing harmful practices against people in the name of religion,” says Ms. Mingarelli, who is an advisor to BPUR and will represent Canada at the conference.

Participants will discuss individual countries’ strategies to adopt the initiative, and will collectively brainstorm ways to bring BPUR to the international stage – including generating wider support amongst lawmakers and officials from different geopolitical regions – and will outline the roadmap to table the proposed treaty for voting at the United Nations General Assembly.

Qaiser Nawab, M&C Consulting’s Managing Director for Pakistan, the Middle East and Asia, as well as advisor to BPUR International, says BPUR aligns with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) – particularly Goal 16 which includes Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.

“Goal 16 advocates for peace, stability, human rights and effective governance, based on the rule of law. BPUR’s mission fully supports Goal 16, and furthers international human rights and effective governance, and protects those who are most at risk of sexual violence, crime, exploitation and torture which the UN has identified as having ripple effects that last for generations,” says Mr. Nawab.

Salam Sarhan, Founder, Secretary General and member of the board of trustees of BPUR International, has been working closely with Canadian officials over the past year and looks forward to Canada’s involvement in furthering BPUR.

“I am delighted to be working with Canadian legislators, and we look forward to continuing to deepen our relationship with the Canadian government,” says Mr. Sarhan.

This BPUR conference is organized by seven Moroccan NGOs and BPUR International, with the support of the National Human Rights Council in Morocco. BPUR International is registered in the United Kingdom as a non-profit, non-governmental organization.

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