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## FROM 3 TO 5 NOVEMBER Fourth World Religious Conference - in Bitola

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"The conference is our contribution in fostering universal values and principles enshrined in every religion, but also our investment in achieving ethnic and religious tolerance and broad respect for humanity, key solutions to all the challenges now facing humanity," says Minister Kanceska-Milevska said.

She suggested that the conference is being realized within the global agenda of the United Nations and UNESCO for Dialogue Among Civilizations and UNESCO Decade for Rapprochement of Cultures.

"Through the three religious conferences which we implemented in 2007, 2010 and 2013, we undoubtedly affirm even more stimulating wealth of diversity, cultural exchanges and our mutual cooperation, but we are promoted as a leader in building a global platform for interreligious dialogue, coexistence and tolerance. We aimed post Ohrid and Skopje, that the conference participants will get acquainted with the impressive history and an invaluable cultural heritage of the Consul City Bitola, whose architecture represents spiritual and material truth to the development of civilization on our soil, "added Kanceska Milevska .

The conference will have about 150 participants, and their contribution to the conference will have domestic and foreign eminent lecturers, professors and students of religion, including prof. Paul Mojzes, a professor of religious studies at Rosemont College, Pennsylvania, Lars Rice from Abraham Foundation in Norway, Mohammed Latif, head of the foreign USAID program in American schools and hospitals in Washington ...

The conference will open with addresses by the Chairperson, Valentina Bozhinovska, director of the Commission for Relations with Religious Communities and Religious Groups, and participants will be greeted by the President of Macedonia, Gjorge Ivanov.

In the framework of the conference, traditionally the third time, will be held the Forum of UNESCO departments of southeastern Europe with a working title: "The eyes of UNESCO departments SEE to migration, refugee crises and terrorism as challenges for intercultural and interreligious dialogue." With special activities, a talk by Mr. Peter, bishop of Prespa and Pelagonia and Administrator of Australia and New Zealand, will celebrate the "1100 year anniversary since the death of the Slavic enlightener St. Kliment Ohridski" and before the eminent guests will open the exhibition "Mother Teresa - Saint of Skopje saint of world ", which was presented in Rome. Also promoted will be the publication from the Third World Conference on Dialogue among Religions and Civilizations held in Skopje in 2013.

The conference ends on Saturday, with the selection of the International Organizing Committee for the Fifth World Conference.

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