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### Seminar

On the Occasion of the Special Assembly for the Middle East  
Synod of Bishops

## Jerusalem: open themes of international law

Friday 8 October 2010, 16.00-19-30  
Rome – Domus Mariae, Via Aurelia 481

*«...Jerusalem, sacred patrimony of all believers and the longed-for crossroads of peace for the Middle East peoples ( John Paul II, Redemptionis Anno,1984)*

- *Opening prayer*

H.E. Mgr. DOMENICO SIGALINI, General Assistant of the Italian CA and IFCA Ecclesiastical Assistant

- *Address of welcome*

Prof. FRANCO MIANO, National President of the Italian CA and President of the Directive Committee of the "G.Toniolo" Institute

Ing. EMILIO INZAURRAGA. Coordinator of IFCA Secretariat, National President of the Argentina CA

- *Introduction to proceedings*

Prof. GIOVANNI CONSO, President of the Scientific Council of "G.Toniolo" Institute

### **Freedom of conscience and of religion** (cfr. Instr. Laboris I.B.2,36-40)

Prof. CESARE MIRABELLI, Ordinary of Canonical Law and Ecclesiastical Law at the "Tor Vergata" University, Rome

### **The Holy See's contribution**

- **at multilateral level (the special statute for Jerusalem)**

- **at bilateral level (the agreements with Israel and Palestine)**

Father DAVID MARIA A.JAEGER ofm, lecturer in Canonical Law, legal expert in relations between Church and State in the Holy Land

### *Discussion and Conclusion*

*«Gathered beneath the walls of this city, sacred to the followers of three great religions, how can we not turn our thoughts to Jerusalem's universal vocation? Heralded by the prophets, this vocation also emerges as an indisputable fact, a reality irrevocably grounded in the complex history of this city and its people. Jews, Muslims and Christians alike call this city their spiritual home. How much needs to be done to make it truly a "city of peace" for all peoples, where all can come in pilgrimage in search of God, and hear his voice, "a voice which speaks of peace" (cf. Ps 85:8)! [...] As a microcosm of our globalized world, this City, if it is to live up to its universal vocation, must be a place which teaches universality, respect for others, dialogue and mutual understanding [...] Believers in a God of mercy – whether they identify themselves as Jews, Christians or Muslims – must be the first to promote this culture of reconciliation and peace, however painstakingly slow the process may be, and however burdensome the weight of past memories.*

(Benedict XVI, Homily, 12 May 2009, Jerusalem – Josafat Valley)