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EIUC Diplomatic Conference 2010: The 2011 Review of the Human Rights Council

The **EIUC Diplomatic Conference on The 2011 Review of the Human Rights Council** took place in Venice on 17 July 2010.

The 2010 Diplomatic Conference discussed the first four years of life of the Human Rights Council and the upcoming review of its status, work and functioning.

The aim of the conference was to examine the impact of the Human Rights Council institutional status on the implementation of its mandate. On the other hand, it tackled some challenges relating to the review of the HRC work. Special attention was given to the review of the Universal Periodic Review, as an innovative HRC instrument for the protection of human rights, and to the analysis of the several proposals made to improve the functioning of the system of Special Procedures.

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The Diplomatic Conference 2010 saw the participation of:

Mr. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the United Nations
Ms Marcia Kran, Director, Research and Right to Development Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Prof. Guy Haarscher, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Mr. Engelbert Theuermann, Director, Human Rights Department, Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Prof. Manfred Nowak, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, University of Vienna

Mr. Andrew Clapham, Director, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
Prof. Horst Fischer (EIUC President).

The EIUC Diplomatic Conference is every year devoted to an exploration of topical issues in the area of human rights and democratisation. It brings together academics and experts from the EIUC participating universities and associated organisations, EIUC Advisory Board members, members of the EU COHOM group, and human rights and democratisation experts from the EU institutions.

The conference coincided with the day of the Redentore Festival in Venice and concluded with a viewing of the spectacular fireworks over the Venice lagoon. For further details please contact Ms Alberta Rocca, EIUC External Relations Manager.