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TOKYO TO HOST WORLD RELIGIOUS LEADERS AT 2019 G20 INTERFAITH FORUM

WHAT: The G20 Interfaith Forum assembles religious leaders, political leaders and religiously-linked institutions annually in the G20 host country. The Forum features various panels during the three-day conference where panelists from various countries and religions engage in discussions on solving global issues by giving political policy recommendations. The 2019 theme is "Peace, People, Planet: Pathways Forward." Panel topics will primarily relate to global peace and security, vital issues of human welfare and well-being, and care for the earth amid climate change.

WHEN: The sixth G20 Interfaith Forum will begin on Friday, June 7, and will come to a close on Sunday, June 9. The daily forum schedule along with any updates can be found on g20interfaith.org.

WHERE: Tokyo, Japan, at Hotel New Otani Makuhari.

WHO: Attendees include interfaith and intercultural organizations, religious leaders, scholars, development and humanitarian entities, business and civil society actors, and media members. A list of speakers and forum participants can be found on the g20interfaith.org. There will be daily press conferences with key participants and media members can submit interview requests to media@g20interfaith.org. We also anticipate a substantial crowd of online viewers as the forum will be streamed online. Streaming details can be found on g20interfaith.org leading up to the event.

WHY: The G20 Interfaith Forum offers an annual platform where a network of religiously-linked institutions and initiatives engage on global agendas (primarily the Sustainable Development Goals). The annual G20 Summits are a critical time and place where priority global issues are considered. The G20 process has evolved since it was established in 2008, with various platforms (ministerial meetings, engagement groups) that allow different sectors and communities to present ideas and recommendations to global leaders. The G20 Interfaith Forum builds on the vital roles that religious institutions and beliefs play in world affairs, reflecting their rich diversity of institutions, ideas, and values.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

Keynote Speakers:

Enda Kenney—13th Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of Ireland

Lord Carey of Clifton—103rd Archbishop of Canterbury

Miguel Angel Moratinos—United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations

Sir John Phillip Key—38th Prime Minister of New Zealand

Haruhisa Handa—Forum Patron, Chairman, Worldwide Support for Development

Additional speakers can be found online at g20interfaith.org/speakers.

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