Notwithstanding numerous recommendations from United Nations bodies and a nearly twenty-year parliamentary debate on the subject, Italy has not been able to date to create a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) in compliance with the relevant international standards. This Conference aims to raise awareness, among stakeholders and the public opinion at large, about the urgent need for an Italian NHRI. The Conference further aims to reflect on the most viable solutions for an Italian NHRI by taking stock of the progress made within the national debate and of best practices from abroad.

5 NOVEMBER 2018
14.15-14.30 INTRODUCTION
Giuseppe Nesi (University of Trento)

14.30-16.00 THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS
Chair: Giuseppe Nesi (University of Trento)
Debbie Kohner (European Network of National Human Rights Institutions)
Alan Miller (Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions)
16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-18.00 MODELS OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS IN EUROPE
Chair: Chiara Tea Antoniazzi (University of Trento)
Dick Houtzager (Netherlands Institute for Human Rights)
Steven Jensen (Danish Institute for Human Rights)
Levan Meskhoradze (Public Defender of Georgia)

6 NOVEMBER 2018
9.00-10.30 A NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION FOR ITALY: THE STANDPOINTS OF CIVIL SOCIETY
Chair: Filippo Di Robilant (EU Fundamental Rights Agency)
Carla Bescardo (National Bar Council)
Antonio Bultrini (University of Florence)
Antonio Marchesi (Amnesty International Italia)
Barbara Terenzi (Human Rights Promotion and Protection Committee)
10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 A NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION FOR ITALY: THE WAY FORWARD
Chair: Pasquale De Sena (Catholic University, Milan)
Iolanda Di Stasio (Foreign and European Affairs Committee of the Italian Chamber of Deputies)
Michelle Nicolotti (University of Trento, former MP)
Mauro Palm (Guarantor for the rights of persons detained or deprived of personal liberty)
12.30-13.00 CONCLUSIONS
Antoine Buyse (Netherlands Institute of Human Rights at Utrecht University)
Fabrizio Petri (Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights)

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