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Washington, D.C. – The Embassy of the Republic of Serbia is proud to partner with the Serbian diaspora community to hold the Serbian Diaspora Conference on October 21, 2023. The conference, which will take place at the Hotel Conrad in Washington, D.C., will address a range of issues including how to proactively advocate for human rights protection of the Serbian community under current circumstances in Kosovo and Metohija.

The Serbian Diaspora Conference is poised to be a beacon of hope in these challenging times. Its primary aim is to encourage the pursuit of proactive and effective steps in the region and on the issue here in the U.S. The conference will offer a platform for voices that must be heard, sharing insights, experiences, and strategies that can guide us toward a more stable and harmonious future. The conference stands as a testament to the unyielding spirit of the Serbian diaspora, embodying a collective will to make a difference in the world.

The morning sessions, highlighted below, are open to press. The afternoon sessions are working sessions and are not open to media.

Keynote Speakers and Their Topics:

1. **Serbia's Ambassador to the U.S. Marko Djuric**
 - **Topic:** An overview of the current situation in Kosovo and Metohija.
2. **Bishop Irinej**, Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America
 - **Topic:** Serbian Orthodox Church as the pillar of surviving in Kosovo and Metohija.
3. **Honorable Branko Terzic**, Managing Director of BRG, and internationally recognized regulator, management consultant, and expert witness in the energy, public utility, and infrastructure industries
 - **Topic:** Working inside American politics as a Serbian American.

Panelists and Their Topics:

In addition to our keynote speakers, our panelists will share their expertise on important topics:

- **Nikola Kabasic**, Legal Expert and Former Judge
 - **Topic:** Human rights and how the rule of law (or its absence) and police actions affect the human rights of the Serbian community in Kosovo and Metohija.
- **Dalibor Jevtic**, Mayor of Strpce and Former Minister for Communities and Return in Kosovo and Metohija
 - **Topic:** The political oppression of Serbs in Kosovo and the antidemocratic actions of Albin Kurti.
- **Prof. Nebojsa Arsic, PhD**, Rector of the University of Mitrovica
 - **Topic:** Challenges of preserving Serbian Government Institutions in Kosovo and Metohija.
- **Arnaud Guillon**, Director of Serbian Government Office for Cooperation with Diaspora
 - **Topic:** Solidarity with Serbs in Kosovo and Metohija – a French perspective.

- **Kathy Franslow**, Director of “Our Serbs” Humanitarian Organization, Chicago
 - **Topic:** Humanitarian work in Kosovo and Metohija – an American perspective.

Event Details:

- **Date:** October 21, 2023
- **Time:** 10 AM – 1 PM
- **Venue:** Hotel Conrad
- **Address:** 950 New York Avenue, Washington, DC 20001

Registration Details:

To attend the conference, participants are required to:

1. Present a valid ID at the registration desk on the day of the event.
2. Ensure that their names are added to the list of guests in advance to facilitate a smooth check-in process.

Registration Process:

We kindly ask all attendees to register in advance by sending all the relevant data (name, contact information, affiliation, media ID card No.) to strengtheningtheties@embassyofserbia.com. Please ensure that the name on your ID matches the name you use for registration to expedite the check-in process on the day of the event. We encourage early registration to secure your place at this important gathering. Registration will also be available on the day of the conference at the venue.

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