

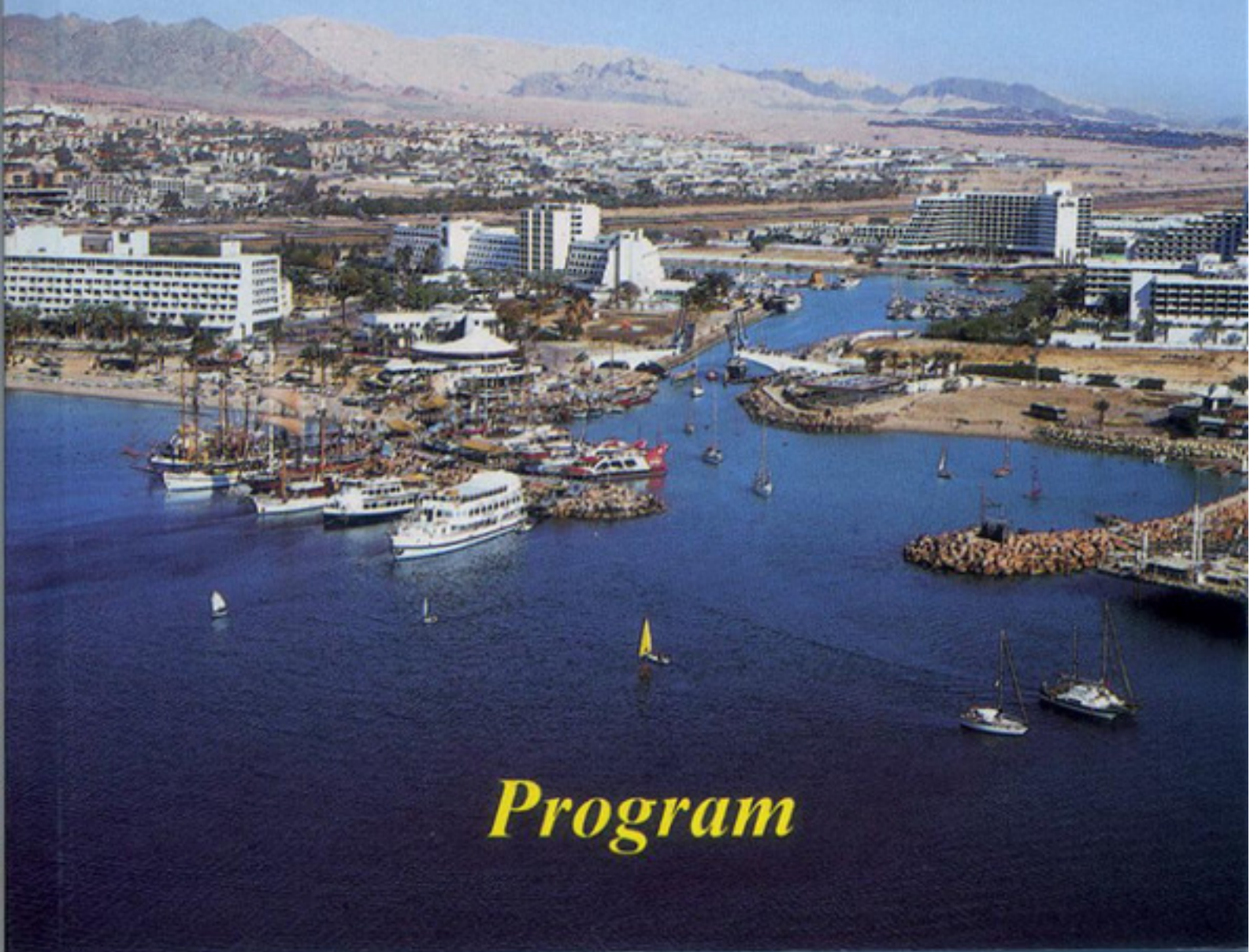


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*Excellencies  
Honourable Consuls and their spouses  
Distinguished guests  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*It is an honour, and indeed a great pleasure, to welcome the delegates to the 5th World Congress of Consuls in our city, Eilat.*

*Since Biblical times, Eilat has been visited by Kings and Queens, notably the Queen of Sheba and King Solomon. In more recent times, royalty, heads of state and important guests from around the world have been visitors to our town. One of the most important and famous gatherings hosted in Eilat, was the signing of the Peace Treaty between the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the State of Israel on October 26, 1994.*

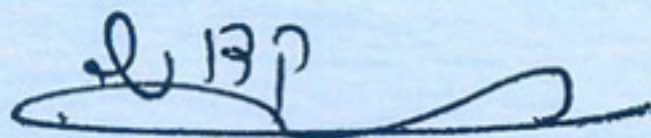
*This landmark event was attended by H. M. King Hussein, the late Yitzchak Rabin, the President of the United States and many other world leaders.*

*Since that momentous day in Middle East history, Eilat has become the City of Peace. The only city in Israel with a border crossing to Jordan as well as to Egypt, we have involved ourselves in building a future for peace and understanding with our neighbours. Not only do we think and speak about peace, not only are we building a Peace Promenade from the Egyptian border in the south to the Jordanian in the east, but the entire economic basis of Eilat is geared to the promotion of peace as well. We believe that the day is near when all of the neighbouring countries on the Red Sea will join hands in friendship and mutual interest and welcome the many tourists and guests from Europe and the rest of the world who visit our unique location. The World Congress of Consuls is an important step in that direction.*

*The population of the city of Eilat, the members of the City Council and I, the Mayor of Eilat, will all do our utmost to make this 5th Congress a successful one. I wish you a pleasant stay in Eilat and fruitful meetings.*

*May you all come in good health and peace and may you return home in peace and well being.*

**Gabi Kadosh**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabi Kadosh', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

*Mayor of Eilat*

*Dear Friends,*

*The Israel Consular Corps is both proud and gratified to have been honoured with the responsibility of organizing the 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of F.I.C.A.C. Against difficult odds, not least due to the reluctance (though unjustified) of members to come to the Middle East, due to the recent Gulf "non-war" and the (hopefully false) impression of unrest and risk to come to the area - I hope that all the participants of the Congress will enjoy their stay and benefit from it and that F.I.C.A.C. 98' will be an important milestone for the Association, and an auspicious stepping stone to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Gad Naschitz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

***Peter Gad Naschitz***

*Dean of the Consular Corps of Israel  
Chairman of the Organizing  
Committee*

## **F.I.C.A.C. BOARD**

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President: Consul General Andreas Mavrommatis  
Secretary-General: Consul General George P. Vryonides  
Hon. President: Consul General Vagn Jespersen

### Members:

Consul General Harry Blassar	Consul General Peter Gad Naschitz
Consul General Basil Franklin Bolt	Consul General Christos Papatheodorou
Consul General William N. Marschall	Consul General Willem van der Vlugt

## **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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Peter Gad Naschitz - Consul General of Iceland in Israel  
Christos Papatheodorou - Consul General of Luxembourg in Greece  
William H. Marschall - Consul General of Austria in Sweden  
George P. Vryonides - Consul General of Sweden in Cyprus

## **LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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Chairman:	Consul General Peter Gad Naschitz
Congress Secretaries:	Consul General Eddy Strod Consul General Zvi Levy
Congress Treasurer:	Consul General Bruno Servadio
Finance Committee:	Consul General Eliahu Izakson, C.B.E. Consul General Kenneth Coleman Greidinger Consul General Haim Gueron
Program, Food and Beverage Committee:	Consul Pinhas Zelzer Consul Aharon Izakson Consul Gad Sassower
Accompanying Persons Committee:	Mrs. Nehama Naschitz Mrs. Hadassa Strod Mrs. Gila Lapidot Mrs. Ilana Rosenfeld
Liaison to Diplomatic Corps:	Consul General Edith Rojansky Consul General Adina Gottesmann
Congress Coordinator and Liaison to Kenes:	Consul Ami Lapidot Consul Eitan A. Naschitz
Liaison to Airport Authority and Security:	Consul Izzy Rosenfeld Consul General Shmuel Shevach
Liaison to Eilat Municipality and Reception Committee:	Consul Yaacov Pri-Gal
Liaison to Ministry of Tourism:	Consul Aryeh Goldstein
Press Officer in Eilat:	Consul Jacques Poms
Social Program:	Consul Alfonso Nussbaumer Consul Ron Armon
Liaison to Foreign Ministry:	Consul Shlomo Einhorn
Eilat Transportation:	Consul Dov Ramati
Congress Spokesman and Public Relations:	Mr. Aryie Lavie
Insurance:	Freddy and Ilan Beck
Public Relations Committee:	Mrs. Miriam Zelzer
Advertisements and Presents:	Consul Talia Glantz Vice Consul Eran Strod
Audiovisual and Films:	Vice Consul Itzhak Wolf

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## EILAT

Located at the southernmost point of Israel on the shores of the Red Sea, surrounded by the red hues of the Edom Mountain range, is the international paradise resort of Eilat. People the world over flock to see its rich underwater marine life, fabulous beaches, first class luxury hotels, exotic cuisine and exciting nightlife. This round-the-clock city provides visitors with desert safaris, scuba diving, sailing, boat cruises, and much more. You can spend the day sitting back and relaxing on one of the city's many beaches, enjoy a delicious meal at any one of Eilat's well known fish restaurants, and spend the night dancing at one of the city's many discos.

## CONGRESS VENUE AND HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

The Royal Beach Hotel, Eilat.  
Tel: 972 7 6368888; Fax: 972 7 6368811

## LANGUAGE

The language of the Conference is English

## INFORMATION / REGISTRATION / HOSPITALITY DESKS

Desks will operate at the Royal Beach Hotel as follows:

Monday,	May 11, 1998	from 17:00 - 21:30
Tuesday,	May 12, 1998	from 08:00 - 19:00
Wednesday,	May 13, 1998	from 08:30 - 17:00

## CONGRESS KIT AND NAME BADGE

Upon registering you will have received your Congress kit containing name badge, program and invitations to social events. You are requested to wear your badge to all Congress sessions and events. Please bring your invitations with to all social events and tours.

## TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION

Kenes Tours, the official Congress travel agent will operate a Hospitality Desk during Congress hours.

Kenes Tours will be pleased to provide you with additional hotel accommodation and sightseeing tours upon request. Payment for any Kenes Tours service can be made in Travelers Cheques, Eurocheques, major credit cards or foreign currency (payment in local currency is subject to VAT).

## RECONFIRMATION OF RETURN FLIGHTS

Participants should reconfirm their flights at least 72 hours prior to departure. Please bring your tickets to the Kenes Tours Desk at your earliest convenience and not later than Tuesday, May 12, 1998 at 16:00.

## CLOTHING

Informal for all occasions except for the Gala Dinner for which black tie or national costume are recommended.

## VALUE ADDED TAX (V.A.T.)

Eilat is a Free Trade Zone, so there is no need to collect V.A.T. receipts.

## CURRENCY

Israel's currency is the Shekel (NIS). All major world credit cards are welcome by most businesses and restaurants.

## ELECTRICITY

Electrical equipment in Israel is 220 volt A.C., single phase, 50 cycles. Some appliances require an adapter (can be purchased locally). Most hotel bathrooms have a 110V socket for electric shavers only.

## CONGRESS SECRETARIAT

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## CONGRESS ORGANIZER

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# PROGRAM

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## MONDAY, MAY 11, 1998

17:00 - 21:30	Registration	
19:00	Meeting of the Executive Committee	Leo Pinsker Room, 12th floor
21:30	Get Together Reception	Red Sea Terrace

## TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1998

09:00 - 09:45	Committee Meeting	Leo Pinsker Room, 12th floor
10:00 - 11:00	OPENING SESSION	Olive Hall
	Welcome Address: Consul General Peter Gad Naschitz, Israel Chairman of the Organizing Committee	
	Guest of Honour: H.E. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu	
	Greetings: Ambassador Eytan Benzur, Israel Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
	Mr. Gaby Kadosh Mayor of Eilat	
	Lecture: THE ROLE AND FUTURE OF F.I.C.A.C. Ambassador Andreas Mavrommatis, Cyprus Chairman and Opening Speaker	
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break	Foyer A
11:30 - 12:15	THE ROLE OF DIPLOMACY IN THE AGE OF THE INTERNET Ambassador Chinmaya R. Gharekhan Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, Special Coordinator	
12:15 - 13:00	THE VIENNA CONVENTION - THE NEED FOR CHANGE Prof. Ambassador Yehuda Blum, Israel Former Ambassador to the United Nations	Olive Hall
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30 - 15:15	THE INCREASING ROLE OF HONORARY CONSULS IN THE 21ST CENTURY Ambassador Janos Gorog, Hungary Deputy Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Hungary	Olive Hall
15:15 - 16:00	THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PEACE PROCESS Mr. Benjamin D. Gaon, Israel President and C.E.O. Koor Industries Ltd.	Olive Hall
16:00 - 16:15	Coffee Break	Foyer A



16:15 - 17:30	Admission of new members ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF F.I.C.A.C. Introduction: Ambassador Andreas Mavrommatis, Cyprus Consul General Basil F. Bolt, Austria	Olive Hall
17:30 - 18:30	ANCIENT ISRAEL: THE HISTORICAL RECORD Prof. Edward L. Greenstein, Israel Tel Aviv University	Olive Hall
20:30	Barbecue Dinner Entertainment: The Youth Folkdance Troupe of Eilat	Poolside

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1998

09:00 - 11:00	General Assembly Discussions: Submission of Reports by the President, Treasurer and Executive Committee Budget and Membership Fees; Elections; Questionnaire	Olive Hall
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break	Foyer A
11:30 - 13:00	F.I.C.A.C. Matters and Elections	Olive Hall
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30 - 15:30	Venue for the next General Assembly Presentation by the Curacao Committee. Arranging of 2003 Conference Venue Presentation: Consul General Willem Van Der Vlugt, The Netherlands Consul General Harry Blassar, Finland	Olive Hall
15:30 - 16:30	Panel Discussion and Conclusions. Adoption of Resolutions	Olive Hall
19:00	Gala Dinner and Dance Guest Performer: Yehoram Gaon Leading Israeli Entertainer	Ballroom

# ACCOMPANYING PERSONS' PROGRAM

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All registered accompanying persons are invited to join the following half-day tour (included in the Registration Fees):

**Tours will depart from the lobby of the Royal Beach Hotel**

## TOUR OF PARK TIMNA AND KIBBUTZ YOTVATA

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1998 09:00-13:00**

**Departure from the Royal Beach Hotel Lobby at 09:00**

Drive through the Desert to Timna Valley - the site of ancient copper mines, which were believed to have been used by King Solomon. View the magnificent sandstone pillars formed by water and erosion. Continue to Kibbutz Yotvata, established forty years ago, the largest Kibbutz in the area. Visit the Kibbutz and view its dairy factory, famous throughout the country.

Return to Congress hotels.

## OPTIONAL TOURS

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**The following tours are available at additional cost:**

Please register at the Hospitality desk no later than Tuesday, May 12, 1998 at 14:00

### 1. UNDERWATER OBSERVATORY

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1998 14:30-17:00**

**Departure from the Royal Beach Hotel Lobby at 14:30**

Visit this amazing underwater universe of the Red Sea. A tranquil world filled with colourful marine life, tropical fish, tinted corals, fauna and flora. From within the observatory deep under water, you can view the silent world of the Red Sea.

PRICE PER PERSON: US\$ 17

### 2. CRUISE ON THE RED SEA

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1998 15:00-17:00**

**Departure from the Royal Beach Hotel Lobby at 14:30**

Afternoon cruise of the picturesque bay of Eilat, in the breathtaking setting of the Red Sea to see four countries. Enjoy chilled white wine on our colourful fleet of yachts as you look out onto the Egyptian Sinai, the coast of Saudi Arabia, the mountains of Jordan and Eilat in Israel.

PRICE PER PERSON: US\$ 20

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### 3. TOUR TO PETRA

**Thursday, May 14, 1998**

**Departure from the lobby of the Royal Beach Hotel at 7:00am**

Please do not forget to bring your passport and the white "registration of entry" form that you received upon your arrival to Israel.

Drive to the nearby Arava Border Crossing. Following border formalities, you will enter the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Drive north through Jordan's Arava Desert until you reach the Bedouin village of Wadi Moussa. Enter (by foot or horseback) into the Red Rose City of Petra. Walk through the narrow siq (cavern) until the spectacular treasury building appears before you, carved into the red facade of the mountain. Continue deeper into the capital of the Nabateans, and visit the amphitheater, in addition to the many crevices and caves. After lunch, drive to the Red Sea port city of Aqaba, for a brief tour and view of four nations (Israel, Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia). Return to Eilat.

Return to Congress hotels

PRICE PER PERSON:           US\$145

Price includes:

Full day sightseeing in an air-conditioned bus

English speaking guide

Entrance fees as per itinerary

Lunch in Petra

Departure tax for both Israel and Jordan

Price does not include:

Visa to Jordan

Participants who have not pre registered for this tour can do so at the hospitality desk no later than Tuesday, May 12, 1998 at 16.00

# POST CONGRESS TOUR

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## JERUSALEM & GALILEE

**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1998 - MONDAY, MAY 18, 1998 3 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS**

### Departures from:

King Solomon Hotel: 7:00

Lagoona Hotel: 7:10

Royal Beach Hotel: 7:15

Sport Hotel: 7:20

### FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1998

Early departure from Eilat, driving north through the Arava Desert. Gaze eastwards to the spectacular mountains of Edom, before approaching the shores of the Dead Sea. Travel along the coast, with the spectacular desert scenery all around. Stop and enjoy a quick "swim" in the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. After this unique experience, you will pass the Qumran Caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, and continue to the Golden City of Jerusalem. Step back into history as you travel along the beautiful stone walls built by Suliman the Magnificent. Enter the Old City along the route travelled by generations of pilgrims. Walk through the oriental market to the Cardo. View the colonnaded Roman city streets and reconstructed shops. Descend a route taken by the upper city dwellers to the Temple to view the Western Wall. Walk the route taken by Jesus as he carried the cross to Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, Jerusalem

### SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1998

Drive by Israel's parliament, the Knesset and Supreme Court to one of Jerusalem's hilltops, for a spectacular overview of the city. You will bid farewell to Jerusalem and drive through the Jordan Valley. Pass the Inn of the Good Samaritan and Jericho on your way to Beit Shean, the amazing Roman City recently excavated. Walk along the main city streets, theaters, baths and shops. The wonders of the Galilee unfold as you travel along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, to ancient Capernaum, where Jesus began his ministry after leaving his home town of Nazareth. Proceed to Tiberias, one of the four holy Jewish cities, built by Herod Antipas as his Galilean capital.

Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Kibbutz Guesthouse

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**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 1998**

Drive along the road to Kana where Jesus performed his first miracle. Visit Nazareth, the Galilean town where Jesus spent his youth. Continue westwards to the Mediterranean coast stopping at Israel's port city of Haifa, with its gold domed Bahai Temple and gardens. Travel back into history as you enter the fortified Crusader city of Caesarea, built 800 years ago on the remains of Herod's city. View the many Herodian and Crusader remains before continuing on to Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 1998**

Departure (independently)

**PRICE:**

Single Room: US\$553

Double Room: US\$794 (2 persons)

Price includes:

Three days touring in air conditioned bus with an English speaking guide

Three overnights as indicated in program

Entrance Fees as per itinerary

Buffet breakfasts at hotels

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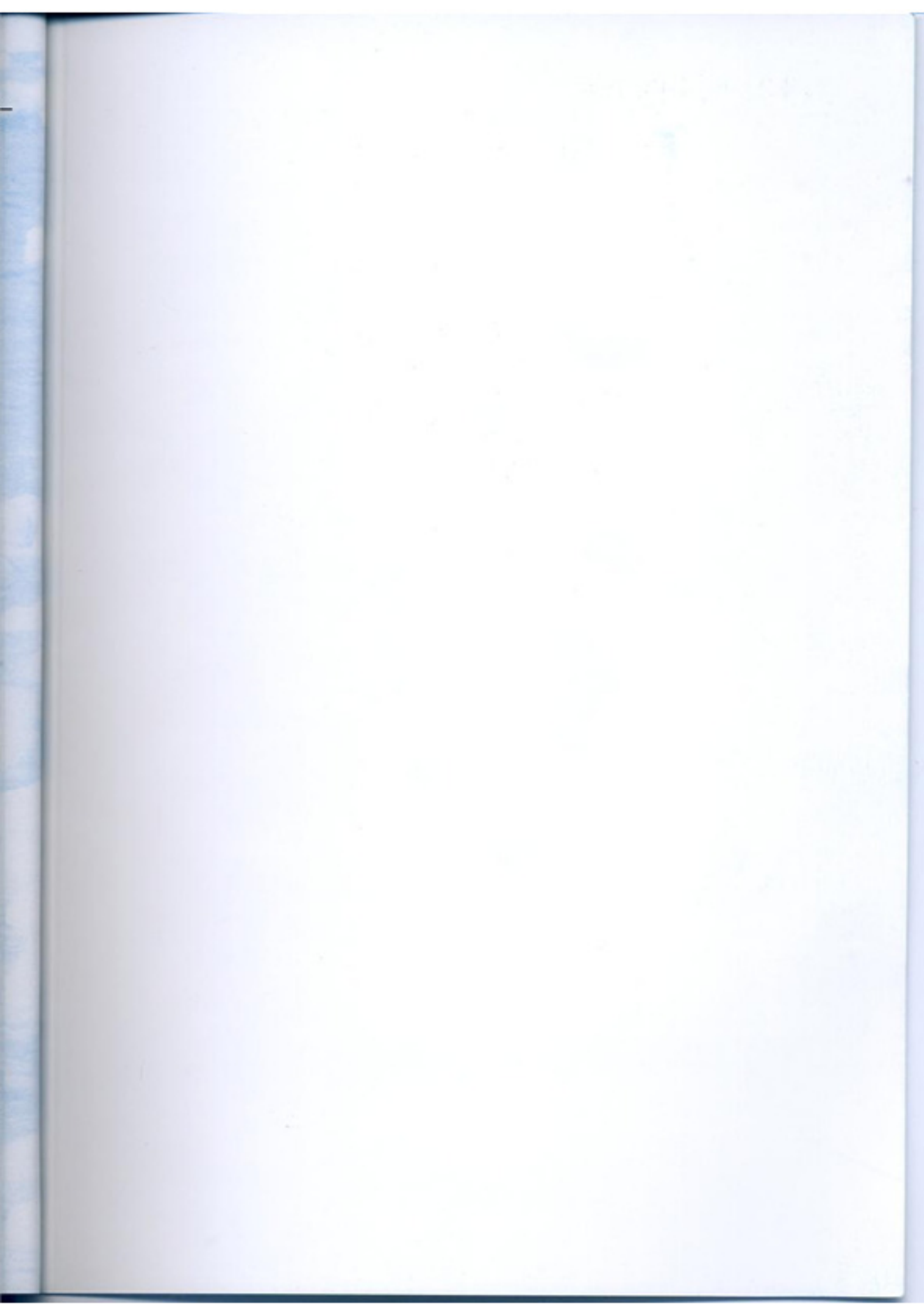
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	10:00-11:00 OPENING SESSION	09:00-11:00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY	07:00 TOUR TO PETRA
	11:00-11:30 Coffee Break	11:00-11:30 Coffee break	
	11:30-12:15 THE ROLE OF DIPLOMACY IN THE AGE OF THE INTERNET	11:30-13:00 F.I.C.A.C. MATTERS AND ELECTIONS	
	12:15-13:00 THE VIENNA CONVENTION THE NEED FOR CHANGE		
	13:00-14:30 Lunch Break	13:00-14:30 Lunch Break	
	14:30-15:15 THE INCREASING ROLE OF THE HONORARY CONSULS IN THE 21st CENTURY	14:30-15:30 PRESENTATION OF THE CURACAO CONGRESS	
	15:15-16:00 THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PEACE PROCESS	15:30-16:30 PANEL DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS	
	16:00-16:15 Coffee Break		
	16:15-17:30 ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF F.I.C.A.C.		
17:00-21:30 Registration	17:30-18:30 ANCIENT ISRAEL: THE HISTORICAL RECORD		
21:30 Get-Together Reception	20:30 Barbecue Dinner	19:00 Gala Dinner and Dance	