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Touro College Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust and the Hudson Institute to Host Conference on Perils of Global Intolerance: The United Nations & Durban III

Elie Wiesel, John Bolton and Other Renowned Leaders to Speak

New York, N.Y., September 9, 2011 -The Touro College Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust, in conjunction with the Hudson Institute, announced that it will host a one-day conference entitled “The Perils of Global Intolerance: The United Nations & Durban III.” Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton, former governor of Arkansas and presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, former Israeli U.N. ambassador Dore Gold and Harvard professors Ruth Wisse and Alan Dershowitz are among the distinguished guests scheduled to speak.

The conference will take place at the Millennium U.N. Plaza Hotel, located at 1 United Nations Plaza on 44th street between First and Second Avenue in New York, on September 22 between 9 AM and 6 PM.

The Perils of Global Intolerance conference is intended to coincide with Durban III, the highly controversial U.N. event commemorating the 10th anniversary of the gathering that took place in Durban, South Africa. The final product of that conference – the Durban Declaration – charged Israel with racism, the only one of the U.N.’s 192 state members so accused. It prompted Congressman and Holocaust survivor Tom Lantos representing the U.S. and Israel, to walk out in disgust. The original Durban event ended on Sept. 8, 2001, three days before the tragic events of September 11, and was billed as an “anti-racism” event.

“Given the events that Durban III is intended to commemorate, the U.N. will sadly serve as a global platform to promote the inverse of its original purposes and principles,” said Anne Bayefsky, the director of the Touro College Institute on Human Rights and the Holocaust. “It is imperative to deny legitimacy to prejudice and its Durban Declaration.”

Other prominent speakers at the Perils of Global Intolerance conference include Touro College President and CEO Dr. Alan Kadish; former New York City Mayor Ed Koch; Academy-Award winning actor Jon Voight; Israel Minister of Information and Diaspora Yuli Edelstein; psychiatrist Wafa Sultan, one of Time Magazine’s 100 most influential people; Sudanese human

rights activist Simon Deng; veteran award-winning journalist Khaled Abu Toameh; Hoover Institution fellow and National Humanities Medal recipient Shelby Steele; bestselling author and award-winning UK journalist Douglas Murray; Canadian Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Jason Kenney; and president of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy Zuhdi Jasser.

For registration, press credentials and further information please contact Gabe Kahn at 212-463-0400 x 5404 or at gabriel.kahn@touro.edu. For a free live webcast, visit www.DurbanWatch.com.

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