



In Bratislava, March, 2018

Your Excellency,

We have the honour to invite you and Members of your Parliament to an inter-parliamentary seminar, which will take place in Bratislava on May 10, 2018 entitled, "Stopping hate on the internet: The role of legislators in the age of internet superpowers".

The event is a product of cooperation between the National Council of the Slovak Republic and the Knesset of the State of Israel.

During the past few years, the world has witnessed an unprecedented wave of hate, incitement and bullying through the World Wide Web. The internet is now being widely used by groups and individuals who actively work to disseminate vile and repugnant ideologies. Taking advantage of the freedom of speech, they use the internet as an unchecked platform for their dangerous ideologies.

This situation requires the attention of legislators all around the world, who must address questions such as:

- Who is responsible for content shared on the internet?
- Who should be held accountable when such content leads to violence?
- What is the role of internet superpowers—Google, Facebook and others?
- What is the responsibility of governments and parliaments?

This seminar aims to discuss this issue in detail with participation of legislators, experts and members of the private sector. We are hopeful that this discussion will lead to more effective legislative processes. It is also a good opportunity to share information and best practices.

The conference will take half a day. It will consist of three panels, followed by lunch, and will feature keynote addresses by the Speaker of the National Council, the Honourable Andrej





Danko, and Deputy Speaker of the Knesset Revital Swid, among others. The discussions will take place in English.

We truly hope you and the legislators from your parliament will be able to join us for the event, and we look forward to the pleasure of welcoming them to Bratislava.

We avail ourselves of this occasion to convey to you the assurances of our highest consideration.

Andrej Danko MP

Speaker of the National Council

MK Yuli Yoel Edelstein Speaker of the Knesset