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**WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY 2018**

**KEEPING POWER IN CHECK: THE PROTECTION OF JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA WORKERS**

**THURSDAY, 3 MAY 2018**

**HIGH-LEVEL OPENING SESSION: 10 - 11 A.M.**

**Panel Discussion: 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

Conference Room 1, United Nations Headquarters, NY

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**High-Level Opening Session**

**Moderator:**
Ms. Alison Smale
Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)

**Opening Remarks:**
Mr. António Guterres
United Nations Secretary-General (Video Message)

H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák
President of the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly

H.E. Mr. Jan Kickert
Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, Chair of the United Nations General Assembly Committee on Information

Ms. Melissa Kent
CBC Radio-Canada, Second Vice President of the United Nations Correspondents Association (UNCA)

Ms. Nicole Stremlau
Lead Researcher, UNESCO Report on World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development; University of Oxford and University of Johannesburg

**Panel Discussion | Concept Note**

**Opening Remarks:**
H.E. Mr. François Delattre
Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations

**Moderator:**
Mr. Ramu Damodaran
Deputy Director for Partnerships and Public Engagement
Chief, United Nations Academic Impact, Outreach Division, DPI

**Speakers:**
Ms. Marie Bourreau
Journalist, Correspondent for Le Monde and Radio France Internationale (RFI) at the United Nations in New York

Ms. Elisabet Cantenys
Executive Director, ACOS Alliance

Mr. Steve Coll
Dean & Henry R. Luce Professor of Journalism, Columbia School of Journalism

Ms. Loubna Mrie
Photojournalist and student at New York University

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