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### **Can the media report objectively on religion ?**

Montréal, May 26 – Since the 1979 Iranian revolution, the role of religion has grown around the world. Reporting on this phenomenon is a secular media. Can the media accurately reflect the doctrines and practices of the world's religions? How can we assure that religion is presented with fairly in the media?

From September 11-15, 2006 in Montreal, the global congress *The World's Religions after September 11* will be a place of reflection on the role of religions of the world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Participants will explore the numerous dimensions of religion today including human rights, spirituality, healing and science, religious freedom, the media, the role of women and war.

Speakers will include Karen Armstrong, Deepak Chopra, Shirin Ebadi and Huston Smith.

This is an official post-parliament event of the 2004 Barcelona Parliament of World Religions as declared by the Council of a Parliament of World Religions. A draft version of the UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS will be the cornerstone of this Congress. Nobel Peace Laureates His Holiness, The Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Bishop Belo and Shirin Ebadi are patrons of this historic document.

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