

**Remarks by Director Liliana Torres-Muga, introducing Dr. Tiberiu Galis, Executive-Director of the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation.**

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Good evening ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, dear students.

Peru's Diplomatic Academy "Javier Pérez de Cuéllar" is very pleased to warmly welcome all of you. As we know, we have with us a prominent scholar, Dr. Tiberiu Galis, born in Romania, who is the Executive-Director of a highly recognized organization, with headquarters in New York, which is the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation.

Dr. Galis has come accompanied by Dr. Eugenia Carbone who represents the Institute in Latin America, based in Buenos Aires.

The Honorable Chargé d'Affaires of Romania, Mr. Stefan Nicolae, is also with us, as well as the Director for Human Rights at the Peruvian Foreign Ministry, my good friend and colleague Ana Rosa Valdivieso.

You are gladly received at our Diplomatic Academy.

Despite his heavy schedule in Lima, Dr. Galis has kindly accepted an invitation from Ana Rosa's office to brief us today about Genocide and Mass Atrocities Prevention. Peru, just as many other countries, attaches much importance to such a subject, which is constantly in the international agenda.

Unfortunately, from the beginning of mankind, history is full of cases concerning torture and genocide. People against people. The prevention of mass killings is a matter demanding the permanent attention of the Institute led by Dr. Galis.

The word "Auschwitz" really horrifies us. It reminds us of millions of innocent men, women and children executed in concentration and extermination camps established in Poland, during the second world war.

Can mass atrocities and genocide be prevented? Can be stopped? We are eager to hear Dr. Galis comments and observations.

Doctor Galis is fluent in several languages. I am sure that he has a good command of Spanish. We know that Romanian and Spanish are both romanic or romance tongues, descending from Latin. But he prefers English for this session.

Once more, thank you very much, dear Dr. Galis, for devoting us part of your valuable time in Lima.

Muchas gracias. Mulțumesc mult.