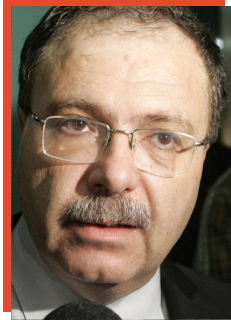


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He was also Professor at the Universities of Geneva and Balamand (Lebanon). In addition to his political and academic careers, Minister Mitri held several positions in the following capacities: Secretary for Christian-Muslim relations at the World Council of Churches in Geneva (1991 – 2005), and at the Middle East Council of Churches (1984 – 1991), Co - founder of the Lebanese Platform for Dialogue, and the Arab Group for Christian-Muslim Dialogue, Member of the Executive Committee of the Institute of Palestine Studies. Minister Mitri is the author of many books, the latest being « Au nom de la Bible, au nom de l'Amérique », « Labor et Fides » 2004, and « In Gottes Namen? » Lembeck, 2005.

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