

# **Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Special Rapporteurs, Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups of the Human Rights Council**

**Geneva, 29 June to 3 July 2009**

## **Agenda**

### **Opening of the meeting**

#### **Item I: Organization of work**

- (a) Election of the Chairperson and Rapporteur of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting
- (b) Adoption of the agenda
- (c) Election of three members of the Coordination Committee
- (d) Adoption of the report of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

#### **Item II: Activities of the Coordination Committee**

Report by the former Chairperson

#### **Item III: Exchange of views with the High Commissioner**

#### **Item IV: The Human Rights Council and the Special Procedures system**

- (a) Update by the Secretariat on recent developments
- (b) Exchange of views with the former HRC President
- (c) Exchange of views with the HRC President and members of the HRC Bureau

#### **Item V: Working methods**

- (a) Strengthening the effectiveness of the Special Procedures: Putting in place a joint communications' report
- (b) The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and the Special Procedures
- (c) Lessons learnt and recent developments in relation to common approaches to human rights situations: follow-up to 15th annual meeting and developments in 2008/2009
- (d) Planning and resources

#### **Item VI: Integrating approaches and new mechanisms into the work of the Special Procedures**

- (a) Protection of victims and witnesses
- (b) Human rights and climate change
- (c) Human rights and disabilities

## **Item VII: Joint session with chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies**

Topic: Follow-up to recommendations, conclusions and concluding observations relating to the work of Special Procedures, Treaty Bodies and the Universal Periodic Review.

## **Item VIII: Consultation with stakeholders**

Topic: Follow-up to recommendations and conclusions of Special Procedures and other topics

- (a) NGOs and NHRIs
- (b) UN bodies and regional organizations

## Annex I

### Side events and informal meetings:

- Briefing by Mr. Ted Piccone from The Brookings Institute on his research project “The Impact of UN Human Rights Mechanisms”, Ground floor Conference room, Tuesday 30 June, 9h00-10h00
- Individual meetings with Chief of OHCHR Programme Support and Management Services, Travel Unit, Salon des Délégués, Wednesday 1 July, 14h00-15h00
- Individual meetings with staff of OHCHR Documents Processing Unit to discuss documentation issues, Salon des Délégués, Thursday 2 July, 14h00-15h00.
- Expert meeting regarding study on secret detention, organized by the Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism, Mr. Martin Scheinin – private meeting, room 3016, Wednesday 1 July 9h00-19h00, Thursday 2 July 8h30-17h00

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