



Commemorative session on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Geneva, 12 December 2008

Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room (Room XX)

Programme

Morning meeting (10:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.)

1. Opening of the Commemorative session
2. Children reading articles of the Universal Declaration for Human Rights in different languages;
3. **General segment:** Presentation of national, regional and international initiatives launched on the occasion of the anniversary in accordance with the HRC Decision 9/102, OP1¹. (*list of speakers as inscribed before 10th December*)
4. Film screening

Lunch break (1:15 to 3:00 p.m.)

- 1:15 - 2:50 p.m.: Reception hosted by the Permanent Missions of Azerbaijan, Brazil, China, Mexico, Senegal and Switzerland, outside the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.: Performance by the choir of International School in the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room

Afternoon meeting (3:00 to 6:15 p.m.)

1. **High-level segment:** Statements by the President of the Council, Secretary-General of the United Nations, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Message by H.E. Mr. Nelson Mandela, Heads of States and Governments as well as other dignitaries¹
2. Representatives from civil society
3. Closing of the Commemorative session

¹ Due to strict time-limits the list of speakers will be established and closed on 10 December. Modalities for the participation of Members and Observers will be comparable to those followed during the high-level and general segments during the HRC March sessions.