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Thirty years between hope and despair: the experience of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

Thursday, 18 March 2010
13.00 – 15.00
Palais des Nations
Room XXI

Program

1. Introductory remarks

Mr. Jeremy Sarkin
Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

2. Presentations

Ambassador Alberto Dumont
Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva
"The Working Group and the phenomenon of enforced disappearances: the experience of Argentina"

Mr. Peter Splinter
Amnesty International's Representative at the United Nations Office in Geneva
"The global phenomenon of enforced disappearances today: still desperate? What can be done to restore hope?"

Ambassador Omar Hilale
Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations Office at Geneva
"The contribution of the Working Group to the progress of the right to truth"

Ambassador Jean-Baptiste Mattéi
Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations Office at Geneva
"The contribution of the Working Group to the progress of the right to justice"

Mr. Santiago Corcuera
Member and former Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances
"The Working Group and the future Committee: how are they going to interact?"

Ms. Mary Aileen Diez-Bacalso
Secretary-General of the Asian Federation against Involuntary Disappearances
"The perspective of the families of the victims"

3. Concluding remarks

Mr. Jeremy Sarkin
Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances

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