

67th Session of the UN General Assembly

The Special Procedures Branch of OHCHR in cooperation with the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), Penal Reform International (PRI), the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) and Human Rights Watch (HRW) cordially invite you to a side event on

“THE DEATH PENALTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS: THE WAY FORWARD”

A review of the reports to the General Assembly of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Wednesday, 24th October 2012

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

**Conference Room E, North Lawn Building (NLB)
New York**

The UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Mr Christof Heyns, and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Mr Juan Mendez, both will present their respective reports on the death penalty to the General Assembly's 67th Session. This side-event shall intensify the impact of their thematic reports and further generate the discussion around capital punishment in light of the global trend towards abolition and possible new developments in law and practice.

Speakers:

- **Mr Christof Heyns**, UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions;
- **Mr Juan E. Méndez**, UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;
- **Mr Santiago Canton**, Member of the Executive Council, World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT);
- **Mrs Andrea Huber**, Policy Director, Penal Reform International (PRI);
- **Mrs Widney Brown**, Senior Director for Law and Policy, Amnesty International (AI);
- **Mr Robert Renny Cushing**, Executive Director, Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights (MVFHR).

Moderator:

- **Maria McFarland**, Acting Director, US Program, Human Rights Watch (HRW).

UN identification badges are required for entry into the North Lawn Building (NLB). Interested guests without a UN identification badge should send an email to ak@omct.org before 12pm (New York time) on Tuesday, 23rd October 2012.