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## **Reflexions on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention against Torture (CAT)**

Wednesday 3 December 2014 – [Brussels Square Meeting Centre](#)-

15:30-18:00

*The event will build on the momentum generated by the Convention's anniversary and bring together key stakeholders to exchange good practice, positive experiences and suggestions on how to better and more quickly achieve our aim of eradicating torture. In addition, the event is an opportunity to provide input to how combatting torture can be covered in the EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy for 2015-2017.*

*The event will be held on Chatham House Rule. Interpretation will be available in EN, FR and ES*

<b>15:15-15.30 REGISTRATION</b>
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<b>15:30-15:45 OPENING SESSION</b>
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15:30-15:45 Welcome & Opening remarks

*Ms Elisabeth Tison, Head of EEAS Division for Human Rights Strategy and policy implementation*

*Mr Jean Louis Ville, Head of Unit Governance, Democracy, Gender, Human Rights, EuropeAid*

<b>15:45-16:30 SETTING THE SCENE</b>
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15:45-15:55 UN-CAT 30 years – what has it achieved– what are the challenges ahead?

15:55-16:10 Convention against Torture Initiative 2014-2024

*Ambassador Carsten Staur, Denmark's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva*

16:10-16:30 EU response and tools

*Ms Elisabeth Tison, Head of EEAS Division for Human Rights Strategy and policy implementation*

*Mr Jean Louis Ville, Head of Unit Governance, Democracy, Gender, Human Rights, EuropeAid*

<b>16:30-17:45 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWED BY A DEBATE WITH THE AUDIENCE</b>
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The discussion will gather together key stakeholders to share their views on how to take stock of the lessons from 30 years of CAT ratification and move forward in addressing together the phenomenon of torture worldwide through concrete actions.

Members of the panel are:

*Mr Abdoulaye Gaye, Member of the CAT (Senegal)*

*Ms Jeehan Mahmood, Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of the Maldives*

*Mr Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Executive Secretary of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)*

*Ambassador Carsten Staur, Denmark's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva*

*Ms Felicitas Treue, from the IRCT centre Colectivo Contra la Tortura y la Impunidad (CCTI) in Mexico.*

A moderator should lead the discussion ensuring it provides an active exchange of views and ideas.

**17:45-18:00 CLOSING REMARKS**

*Mr Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights*

**18:00-20:00 NETWORKING COCKTAIL**