INVITATION

Following the appointment of the new Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, Juan Méndez, the Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), the International Federation of ACAT (FIACAT), the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) and the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) cordially invite you to a parallel event on the main issues ahead in relation to the combat against torture and to the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on torture

THE FIGHT AGAINST TORTURE - AN AGENDA FOR CHANGE

TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2011, 15.00-16.30 • ROOM XXIV, PALAIS DES NATIONS

The event will provide an opportunity for the former and new Special Rapporteurs on torture to discuss some of the key challenges to the implementation of the mandate seen from a thematic and methodological perspective. During the event the incoming mandate holder, Prof Juan Mendez, will elaborate and discuss the key thematic issues that he plans to focus on and the methodology he intends to apply in his work with all stakeholders. This discussion will be informed by reflections from the former mandate holder, Prof Manfred Nowak, on some of the main challenges he experienced during the implementation of his mandate from a thematic and methodological point of view. The event will take a interactive format with presentations from the two panellists and interventions from the floor in two clusters focusing on thematic and methodological approaches.

MODERATOR

Brita Sydhoff
Secretary General of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)

PANELLISTS

Prof Juan Mendez
UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
Reflections and discussion on the implementation of his mandate – themes and methodology

Prof Manfred Nowak
Former UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
Reflections on the current state of affairs and lessons learned from six years as UN Special Rapporteur on Torture

COFFEE AND CAKE WILL BE PROVIDED