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Subcommittee on Human Rights

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1. Introductory remarks by **Ms Heidi Hautala**, Chair
2. **Mr Eric Sottas**, Secretary General, World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT),
on challenges to the absolute prohibition of torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
3. **Ms Hina Jilani**, human rights lawyer and a founding member of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and the Women's Action Forum, former UN Special rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders,
on challenges to the absolute prohibition in the context of counter-terrorism and intelligence cooperation
4. Discussion
5. Concluding remarks by **Ms Heidi Hautala**, Chair

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