



Side event on the occasion of the presentation of the follow-up report on Tunisia of the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations on torture to the Human Rights Council

Tunisia: The fight against impunity - a key for the prevention of torture

March 10, 2015, 13.30 - 15.00
Room XI, Palais des Nations

Torture in Tunisia was systematic under the old regime. Four years have passed since the revolution supposedly brought irreversible progress in the fight against torture and ill-treatment. However, the use of violence by security agents continues. Justice has turned a blind eye to these perpetrators and their accomplices, resulting in widespread impunity. These circumstances jeopardise the success of Tunisia's democratic transition.

Juan E. Méndez, Special Rapporteur on Torture, will present the main findings of a report drawn from a follow-up visit to Tunisia in June 2014. His report will be presented to the Human Rights Council on 10 March. Tunisia's Ambassador to the United Nations and a Commissioner of Tunisia's Truth and Dignity Commission will lay out their respective programs and visions to advance the democratic transition in Tunisia. ACAT and OMCT will review the fight against impunity along with the main challenges for the new administration in Tunisia.

These interventions will be illustrated by the testimony of Hedi Tlijani, survivor of torture in Tunisia and member of the organisation INSAF that fights for the rehabilitation of former military victims of repression.

Speakers:

- Juan E. Méndez, Special Rapporteur on torture
- Walid Doudech, Ambassador of Tunisia to the United Nations
- Oula Ben Nejma, Commissioner of the Truth and Dignity Commission
- Hélène Legeay, Responsible for ACAT's program in Maghreb/Middle East
- Hedi Tlijani, Member of the Organisation Insaf

Moderation: Gerald Staberock, Secretary General of OMCT

***Light refreshments will be served
Interpretation will be available***