Handout for the group exercise for facilitators

**Module 2: Ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the possibility of making reservations and declarations**

Each group is asked to come up with arguments on the importance and advantages of becoming a State party to the Convention from the legal and policy standpoint in their capacity as:

**Group 1:** an association of victims of enforced disappearance;

**Group 2:** a human rights NGO;

**Group 3:** a national human rights institution;

**Group 4:** the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR);

**Group 5:** a State.

A few examples of considerations that point to the importance and advantages of becoming a State party to the Convention from the legal and policy standpoint:

* Legal commitment
* Clarity of legal obligations
* Clarity of safeguards
* Preventive tool
* International oversight
* No new substantive obligations
* International reputation and standard-setting