

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.

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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