



## **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance**

### **Current Challenges**

***Friday 11 March 2016, 15:00, Palais des Nations, Room VII***

### **Concept Note**

The International Convention for the protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance was adopted by UNGA on 20 December 2006. The year 2016 will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Convention, which entered into effect on 23 December 2010.

To celebrate this important anniversary, the Permanent Missions of Argentina, France, Japan and Morocco, in partnership with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Committee on Enforced Disappearances have the honour to invite you to an event to be held on 11 March 2016 at the Palais des Nations.

This event will be an opportunity to discuss the current challenges and engage reflection on the future perspectives relevant to the Convention.

It will also be an opportunity to contribute to the promotion of the unique role of the Convention as a particularly innovative legal instrument and to plead for its universal ratification.

The Convention on enforced disappearances is the culmination of a long process of codification, marked notably by the adoption of the Declaration on the protection of all persons from enforced disappearances in 1992 and the entry into force of the Convention in 2010 marked a milestone.

To date, the Convention has 95 signatories and 51 States Parties.



In five years of experience, the Committee on Enforced Disappearances, dedicated to monitoring the compliance of States Parties to their obligations under the Convention, has already developed a rich experience from the review of national reports or the urgent appeals procedure designed to help seek and find a missing person.

The Committee cooperates closely with other mechanisms dealing with the issue of the protection of all persons against enforced disappearances, including the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and the various human rights treaty bodies, in particular with the Human Rights Committee, with the aim to ensure coherence and complementarity of their activities under their respective mandates.

This Side event will therefore initiate a collective reflection involving States, experts, academia and representatives of civil society. Discussions will cover two aspects, with brief interventions in order to leave sufficient time to debate i.e: the innovative aspects of the Convention (I) and the rights of victims (II).

The meeting will be held at the Palais des Nations, in the context of the 10th session of the Committee on enforced disappearances and will be streamed via webcast.