Putting migrant children’s rights up front: Challenges and duties in protecting the human rights of children in the context of international migration

A panel discussion marking the launch of the Joint General Comments by the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the human rights of children in the context of international migration[[1]](#footnote-2)

Organised by OHCHR, UNICEF, IOM, the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Monday, 16 April 2018, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais des Nations, Conference Room XII

Programme

**3:00 to 3:20 pm**

* Welcoming statement by Mr. Ahmadou Tall, Chair of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
* Opening statement by Mr. Orest Nowosad, Chief, Groups in Focus Section, Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Moderator)

**3:20 to 4:00 pm (“**Talk Show” style discussion)

Panelists:

* Mr. Benyam Dawit Mezmur, Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child
* Mr. Pablo Ceriani, Former Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
* Mr. Laurent Chapuis, Regional Advisor Migration, UNICEF Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia
* Ms. Kristina Touzenis, Head of the International Migration Law Unit, IOM
* Ms. Anne Dussart, Caritas Internationalis Belgium
* Ms. Pinar Aksu, Global Campaign to End Child Immigration Detention Advocate

**4:00 to 4:50**

* Interventions, questions and answers

**4:50- 5:00 pm**

* Wrap-up by Mr. Orest Nowosad, Chief, Groups in Focus Section, Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Moderator)

1. Joint General Comment No.3 of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and No.22 of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the Human Rights of Children in the Context of International Migration: General Principles (<http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CMW%2fC%2fGC%2f3&Lang=en>); and

   Joint General Comment No. 4 of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and No. 23 of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on State obligations regarding the human rights of children in the context of international migration in countries of origin, transit, destination and return (<http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CMW%2fC%2fGC%2f4&Lang=en> ) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)