

Tackling illegal adoptions and addressing the rights of victims

Side event of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

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Wednesday 8 March 2017
12h00 - 13h30
Conference Room XXI
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The side event aims to bring further attention to illegal adoptions both at the domestic and international level, and to victims' demands for acknowledgement and redress.

It will bring stakeholders from the domestic and international adoption contexts together to expose and discuss different past and current cases of large scale illegal adoptions with the ultimate goal of drawing lessons and sharing existing good practices to prevent the phenomenon and address the rights of victims to truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence.

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Welcoming remarks

HE Mr Ricardo González Arenas, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations in Geneva

HE Mr Peter Sørensen, Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation to the UN in Geneva

Introductory remarks

Ms Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

Speakers

Dr Kristen Cheney, Senior Lecturer of Children and Youth Studies, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague

Ms Joëlle Schickel, Head of the Swiss Federal Central Authority for international adoptions

Ms Flor Gálvez, lawyer, International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala

Dr Patricia Lundy, Professor of Sociology, Ulster University

Q&A followed by closing remarks

Light lunch will be served prior to the event

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