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Technical Briefing: Climate Change and the Rights of the Child

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13:15 – 14:45, ROOM: NEW YORK



The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is the most widely ratified international human rights instrument, and has been ratified by an overwhelming majority of State Parties to the UNFCCC. Despite having contributed the least to climate change, children suffer most from its harms, their rights being particularly threatened by the impacts of extreme weather and slow-onset events. In recent years, this injustice has been the subject of increasing scrutiny by the Human Rights Council, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and other key actors.

This technical briefing will provide an opportunity for experts to share emerging guidance from these bodies, and to exchange information on how States can “respect, promote and consider their respective human rights obligations, [including]...the rights of children” in climate action, in line with the principles set down in the Paris Agreement.

Moderation:

- M. Aziz Mekouar – Ambassador For Multilateral Negotiations of COP22

Panelists:

- Ms. Joanna Sustento – Young Typhoon Haiyan survivor (Philippines)
- Ms. Mikiko Otani – Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
- Ms. Marilena Viviani – Director, UNICEF Geneva Liaison Office, Division of Public Partnerships
- M. Benjamin Schachter – Focal Point, Climate Change and the Environment, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Closing Remarks:

- H.E. Mr. Salaheddine Mezouar – President of the COP 22 (tbc)
- Amb. Nazhat Khan – Ambassador and Chief Negotiator for COP-23, Fiji