

## When?

Monday 5 October 2020

1.30 pm - 3.00 pm (CET, Geneva time)

## Where?

This is a virtual event through ZOOM. Please [register here](#). For further information/technical issues on how to register please contact: [mercenaries@ohchr.org](mailto:mercenaries@ohchr.org)

## Speakers

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**Mr. Felipe González Morales,** Special  
Rapporteur on the human rights of Migrants

**Mr. Graeme Edgerton,** Deputy General-  
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# THE IMPACT OF THE USE OF PRIVATE MILITARY AND SECURITY SERVICES IN IMMIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT ON THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANTS

**Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and  
impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination**

**Privacy International**

**Panel discussion parallel to the 45<sup>th</sup> Human Rights Council Session**

## Background

The event is following the presentation of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries' report to the Human Rights Council (A /HRC/45/9) and will be co-hosted with Privacy International.

Over the years, the Working Group alongside other human rights actors, has contributed to raising awareness about the human rights impacts of certain aspects of this business sector, notably privatized immigration detention facilities, and has expressed deep concerns about its impacts on the human rights of all migrants, irrespective of their status.

## Objectives

- Raise awareness and around challenges on the use of private military and security services in immigration and border management on the protection of the rights of all migrants
- Demonstrate how the widespread practice of many States to contract companies to undertake an array of security services to support State policies often has dramatic consequences on the human rights of migrants.