**Statement of the 28th Meeting of Chairpersons of UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies on the occasion of the Anniversaries of Human Rights Treaties in 2016**

The Chairpersons of the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies, representing 172 independent human rights experts, celebrate the anniversary of the adoption of four human rights treaties whose contribution in the field of promotion and protection of human rights has been significant:

* The 50th anniversary of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
* The 50th anniversary of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
* The 10th anniversary of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
* The 10th anniversary of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance

The Chairpersons call on States that are not yet Parties to all UN human rights core treaties and protocols, or have not made a declaration accepting the mechanism contained therein, to do so, joining universal agreements on these matters that define standards of promotion and protection of human rights for all people, without exception.

The Chairpersons recognize the important contribution of civil society and other stakeholders, such as UN agencies and national human rights institutions, to the work of the UN human rights treaty bodies.

The Chairpersons also reiterate the link between human rights and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, which is reflected in the work of the human rights treaty bodies.

The Chairpersons of the UN human rights treaty bodies invite the international community in different parts of the world to join these celebrations during 2016, reinforcing the process of effective implementation of all human rights treaties which give strength to a 21st century based on the full respect for the human person.

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Human Rights Committee

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Committee against Torture

Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Committee on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Committee on the Protection of all Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Committee on Enforced Disappearances