**Human Rights Council Resolution 38/18**

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**First Intersessional Seminar**

**9-10 April 2019, Geneva, Palais des Nations room XVI**

**PROGRAMME OF WORK (FINAL)**

**First day – 9th April 2019**

**10:00-10:15 Opening remarks and statements**

Opening remarks by Ms Yvette Stevens, Chair-rapporteur on Human Rights Council resolution 38/18, former Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations and other organizations in Geneva

Video-message by Ms Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Human Rights

H.E. Mr. Carlos Mario Foradori, Vice-President of the Human Rights Council, Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

**10:15-11:25** **The potential preventive role of the Advisory Committee, the Complaint Procedure and other subsidiary mechanisms of the Human Rights Council**

*Moderator:* Mr. Eric Tistounet, Chief, Human Rights Council Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

*Speakers:* Mr. Changrok Soh, member of the Advisory Committee and chairperson of the Working Group on Communications

Mr. Dante Pesce, former chairperson of the Forum on Business and Human Rights, member of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises

Contributions from the floor

11:25-11:30 Change of panel

**11:30-13:00** **The preventive role of Special Procedures and how this role could be enhanced.**

*Moderator:* Mr. Pablo de Greiff, rapporteur on Human Rights Council resolution 38/18, former Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence

*Speakers:* Mr. Dainius Pūras, chairperson of the Coordination Committee of the Special Procedures, Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health

Ms Dubravka Šimonovic, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Mr. Léo Heller, Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation [video message]

Contributions from the floor

13:00-15:00 Lunch break

**15:00-18:00 Overall theme of the afternoon sessions: The role of the Universal Periodic review (UPR) in the prevention of human rights violations**

**15:00-16:20 UPR preparation processes and reviews and the prevention of human rights violations**

*Moderator:* Mr. Gianni Magazzeni, Chief, UPR Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

*Speakers:* H.E. Ms. Maria de Jesus Veiga Miranda, Permanent Representative of Cabo Verde to the United Nations Office and other international organisations at Geneva

H.E. Mr. Henri Eli Monceau, Permanent Observer of the International Organization of La Francophonie to the United Nations Office and other international organisations at Geneva

Ms Florence Foster, Representative for Peace and Disarmament in the Quaker United Nations Office

Contributions from the floor

16:20-16:25 Change of panel

**16:25-17:45 The implementation of UPR recommendations and the prevention of human rights violations**

*Moderator:* Ms Yvette Stevens, chair-rapporteur on HRC resolution 38/18, former Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations and other organizations in Geneva

*Speakers:* H.E. Mr. Emilio Rafael Izquierdo Miño, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations Office and other international organisations at Geneva

Ms. Eva Grambye, Deputy Executive Director, International Division, The Danish Institute for Human Rights

Ms. Mona M'Bikay, Executive Director of UPR-Info

Contributions from the floor

**17:45-18:00 Wrap-up of the day**

**Second day – 10th April 2019**

**10:00-11:20 The preventive role of investigative mechanisms and how this role could be enhanced.**

*Moderator:* Ms Mona Rishmawi, Chief, Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

*Speakers:* Mr. Bacre NDiaye, Member of the Team of International Experts on the situation in the Kasai region

Professor Andrew Clapham, member of the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan

Contributions from the floor

11:20-11:25 Change of panel

**11:25-12:45** **Possibilities for engagement with States facing human rights challenges.**

*Moderator:* Mr. Nils Muiznieks, rapporteur on Human Rights Council resolution 38/18, former Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

*Speakers:* H.E. Ms. Athaliah Lesiba Molokomme, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Botswana to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Mr. Morten Kjaerum, Chairperson of the Voluntary Fund for technical cooperation in the field of human rights

Mr. Marc Limon, Executive Director, Universal Rights Group

Contributions from the floor

**12:45-13:00 Conclusions**