

**Commemorative event for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances  
Geneva, Palais des Nations (Room XIX), 5 November 2010**

**Opening (10:00 – 10:30)**

**Introductory remarks:**

**Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights  
followed by the video “Existence Denied”**

**H.E. Amb. Bente Angell-Hansen, Vice-President of the Human Rights  
Council**

**H.E. Amb. Jean-Baptiste Mattéi, Permanent Representative of France**

**H.E. Amb. Libère Bararunyeretse, Representative of the Organisation  
Internationale de la Francophonie**

**Mr. Jeremy Sarkin, Chair-Rapporteur of the WGEID**

**Panel I – The WGEID: stories and history (10:30 – 13:00)**

**10:30 – 12:15**

- “The creation of the WGEID”, Mr. Theo van Boven, Honorary Professor of International Law, Maastricht University
- “The first years of operation”, Mr. Iain Guest, Executive Director, The Advocacy Project
- “The family/victim’s perspective”, Ms. Estela de Carlotto, President, Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo
- “Experience of a WGEID former member”, Mr. J 'Bayo Adekanye, Professor of Political Science, Babcock University, former member of the WGEID
- “State response to disappearances over the last 30 years”, Louis Joinet, former Chair of the WGEID

**12:15 – 13:00**

Interactive Dialogue

**Panel II – The WGEID: 30 years of evolution and the way forward (15:00 – 18:00)**

**15:00 – 16:45**

- “WGEID’s contribution in defining enforced disappearances and developing an applicable legal regime”, Mr. Manfred Nowak, Director, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, former member of the WGEID
- “Reflections on the evolution of WGEID’s methods of work in implementing its humanitarian mandate”, Mr. Federico Andreu-Guzmán, Deputy Director of Litigation and Legal Protection, Colombian Commission of Jurists

- “The WGEID and the 1992 UN Declaration”, Ms. Mandira Sharma, Executive Director, Advocacy Forum – Nepal

- “State cooperation on missing and disappeared persons: best practices”, Ms. Kathryn Bomberger, Director General, International Commission on Missing Persons

- “The role of the NGOs regarding Enforced Disappearances: Cooperation with the WGEID”, Mr. Wadih Al-Asmar, Lebanese Centre for Human Rights

- “Issues for the future work of the WGEID”, Ms. Gabriella Citroni, Professor of International Human Rights Law, University of Milano-Bicocca

**16:45 – 17:30**

Interactive discussion

**17:30 – 18:00**

Conclusions and recommendations

**18:00**

Cocktail, next to room XIX

---