

# Investigations and the Right to Life

## Panel Event on the Revision of the United Nations Manual on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions



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**Thursday 29 October 2015 – 1.15-2.30pm**  
**Conference Room 7, United Nations Headquarters**

**Christof Heyns** · UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

**Toby Fisher** · Landmark Chambers, London

**Morris Tidball-Binz** · Forensic Coordinator, International Committee of the Red Cross

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followed by a Q&A facilitated by **Stuart Maslen**, Adviser to the Special Rapporteur

The UN Manual on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions (1991) remains a ground-breaking piece of work with significant impact. However, the time is ripe for its technical revision. Following several recommendations from the UN Human Rights Commission, the UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions has undertaken this update, and has been conducting consultations with a wide range of international experts, from all over the world, specialising in forensic medicine (including forensic anthropology, archaeology, and pathology), international law, and national criminal justice.

**This Panel Event is an opportunity for States and other stakeholders to be updated on the revision process as well as to give their views and to offer advice to the Special Rapporteur and members of his team.**