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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

**«PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS –
HOW CAN INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS CONTRIBUTE
TO THEIR PROTECTION?»**

Simultaneous translation in English and Spanish

- 09.00-09.15 **Welcome & introduction**
- 09.15-12.15 **Development of protective mechanisms for Human Rights Defenders (HRDs)**
Keynote addresses and panel discussion
Mandira Sharma, Executive Director of Advocacy Forum, Nepal
Hina Jilani, Former UN Representative on the Situation of HRDs
Claude Wild, Ambassador, Director of Human Security Division, Swiss Foreign Department (FDFA)
Mary Lawlor, Director of Front Line Defenders
Liam Mahony, PBI representative
Moderation: Manon Schick, Director of Amnesty International Switzerland
- 12.15-13.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30-15.30 **Parallel workshops**
- Workshop I**
Implementation of and follow-up on reports and recommendations for prevention and protection of HRDs
Hina Jilani, Former UN Representative on the Situation of HRDs
Roland Chauville, Director of UPR Info
Mary Lawlor, Director of Front Line Defenders
Mandira Sharma, Executive Director of Advocacy Forum, Nepal
PBI representative
- Workshop II**
HRDs and disadvantaged population groups in remote and rural areas
Danilo Rueda, National Coordinator of the Inter-Church Commission of Justice and Peace, Colombia
Walter Kälin, Former UN Special Representative on the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons
Anders Kompass, Director of the Division of Field Operations and Technical Cooperation, OHCHR
Michael Ineichen, Manager of the HRDs Programme, International Service for Human Rights
PBI representative
- Workshop III**
Swiss involvement in international protective mechanisms for HRDs
Ursula Keller, Project Director, Center for Peacebuilding KOFF
Claude Wild, Ambassador, Director of Human Security Division, FDFA
Eric Sottas, Former Secretary-General of OMCT
Padre Francisco Wilfrido Mayrén Peláez, Priest and HRD, Mexico
PBI representative
- 16.00-16.45 **Plenary: Workshop reports**
- 16.45-17.45 **Conclusions & road map, closing address**
- 17.45-18.30 **Farewell cocktail**