

# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the EU Guidelines on Human Rights Defenders: Lessons to Date and Looking to the Future Draft programme

14.00 – 14.30    **Registration**

14.30 – 14.45    **Welcome address**

Ambassador of Ireland to the Political and Security Committee, H.E. Mr Joe Hackett  
Address by the EU Special Representative for Human Rights and Democracy, Mr Stavros Lambrinidis.

14.45 – 15.40    **PANEL 1 - The EU Guidelines on human rights defenders : the story so far?**

*The participants will discuss the contribution of the Guidelines to the protection of HRDs in the context of the EU's foreign policy; the initiatives undertaken by EU and Member States and others for the implementation of the Guidelines and their effectiveness; the lessons learned on implementation of the Guidelines in 'challenging' countries or on 'difficult' issues. The panel will be moderated by Mr Christian Trippe from Deutsche Welle, and followed by a Q and A.*

**Participants:**

Mr Engelbert Theuermann, Chair of COHOM  
Mr Lionel Veer, Human Rights Ambassador of the Netherlands  
Ms Mary Lawlor, Executive Director of Front Line Defenders  
Ms Maria Luisa Aguilar, human rights defender from Mexico

15.45 – 16.45    **PANEL 2 - Challenges and way forward**

*The participants will discuss how to increase awareness of the Guidelines and EU policy on HRDs; which concrete actions can be undertaken by the EU and Member States to improve the implementation of the Guidelines; how the EU can support HRDs when there are conflicting interests or challenging situations; how NGOs can support the implementation of the Guidelines more effectively. The panel will be moderated by Mr Christian Trippe from Deutsche Welle, and followed by a Q and A.*

**Participants:**

Mr Michel Forst, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights Defenders  
Mr Mauricio Angel, Policy and Research Officer, Protection International  
Mr Jean Louis Ville, Head of Unit, DevCo B1, European Commission  
Ms Mandira Sharma, human rights defender from Nepal

16.45 – 17.00    **Concluding remarks by Mr Colin Wrafter, Director of the Human Rights Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs, Ireland**

17.00            **Reception**



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