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Strengthening death penalty standards

Monday 9th March 2015
12.00-14.00
Room VII, Building A

- How effective are current international standards on the death penalty at protecting the human rights of all those involved?
- How can existing standards be better implemented?
- What are the gaps in existing standards?
- How could state practice change in the light of recent developments in international and regional policy and jurisprudence on the death penalty?

These issues and more will be discussed. Copies of a new publication by Penal Reform International on this topic will be available free.

Speakers

Alexandre Fasel, Permanent Representative of Switzerland – introduction and moderation

Representative of the Permanent Mission of Mexico

Juan Mendez, Special Rapporteur on torture – most serious offences, emerging norm of death penalty as torture

Oliver Robertson, Penal Reform International – new ideas on strengthening death penalty standards and publication launch

Laurel Townhead, Quaker United Nations Office – impact of death penalty on children of parents sentenced to death

Sandwiches will be provided.

