Proposals for the 2020 review of the UN treaty body system

28 November 2019 – 13.00 – 15.00

Palais des Nations – Room XXVII (27)

The review of General Assembly resolution 68/268 is expected to take place in April 2020. In preparation for the review, a number of actors have come up with proposals on measures to strengthen the UN treaty body system as a key pillar of the international human rights architecture. Those include academia and more recently States, treaty body members and chairs, and NGOs.

The 2020 review of the UN treaty body system provides a major opportunity to take stock around the progress achieved since the adoption of resolution 68/268 in 2014 and identify avenues to further strengthen the coherence and effectiveness of the treaty body system.

The purpose of this public event is to present and discuss recent public proposals introduced ahead of the 2020 review by NGOs, States and Treaty bodies.

Agenda

➢ Welcome and introduction

   Representative of the Permanent Mission of Belgium

   Representative of the Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division, OHCHR

➢ Introduction of the Costa Rica non paper endorsed by 43 States

   Ambassador Elayne Whyte Gómez, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica

➢ Introduction of the paper from the Treaty Body chairpersons on the 2020 review

   Jens Modvig, Chairperson, UN Committee against Torture (CAT)

➢ Introduction of the joint NGO proposal on a predictable and coordinated review cycle

   Representatives of the TBnet coalition, Lucy McKernan, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR) and Carin Benninger-Budel, World Organisation against Torture (OMCT)

➢ Call to states on the review of GA resolutions 68/268

   Vincent Ploton, International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)

➢ Discussion