The International Commission against the Death Penalty-ICDP invites you to attend a:

SIDE-EVENT ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF THE SECOND OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

The Side-Event features presentations by a high level panel followed by an interactive discussion on the importance of the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR; the process of ratification and on how to encourage other countries to ratify the Second Optional Protocol.

**Wednesday, 18 June 2014, from 12.30 to 14.00h. Room XXIV, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

Refreshments will be served outside the room from 12:00h

**PARTICIPANTS**

**Chair**
Ms Ruth Dreifuss, ICDP Commissioner and former President of the Swiss Confederation

**Moderator**
His Excellency Mr. Bertrand de Crombrugghe, The Permanent Representative of Belgium at the United Nations Office in Geneva

**Opening remarks**

**PANEL**

1. Mr. Marc Bossuyt, former UN Special Rapporteur for drafting the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
2. Mr Robert Badinter, ICDP Commissioner and former Minister of Justice of France;
3. A representative of the Human Rights Committee (tbc);
4. His Excellency Mr. Baudelaire Ndong Ella, Ambassador of Permanent Representative of Gabon in Geneva and Chair of Human Rights Council (tbc);
5. Mr Guillaume Colin, Representative of the World Coalition against death penalty.

**Co-sponsors of the Side-Event:**

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