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Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues

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Programme of Work (subject to change)

Day 1 14 June 2022

07:00-08:00 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

Opening Session

10:00-11:00 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

13:00-14:00 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

17:00-18:00 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

Welcoming remarks

Anna-Mária Bíró, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute

Opening Remarks

Shigeru Aoyagi, Director, UNESCO Bangkok (**pre-recorded message**)

Cynthia Veliko, Regional Representative, OHCHR Regional Office for South East Asia

Stefano Sensi, Deputy Regional Representative, OHCHR Regional Office for the Pacific

Ambassador Nassima Baghli, Permanent Observer of the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation Delegation in Geneva

Fernand de Varennes, United Nations Special Rapporteur on minority issues

Rules and Guide to Proceedings

Anna-Mária Bíró, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute, will set-out the process and explain the rules of proceedings for the forthcoming sessions.

08:00-08:30 (Geneva, GMT +2)

Technical Break

08:30-10:30 (Geneva, GMT +2)

11:30-13:30 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

14:30-16:30 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

18:30-20:30 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

Thematic Session 1: Normative framework: existing norms and interpretations

Moderator: **Jerald Joseph**, now Former Commissioner, Human Rights Commission Malaysia & Advisor Pusat Komnas, Malaysia

Experts: **Mohammad Shahabuddin**, Chair in International Law & Human Rights, Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham

Ambika Satkunanathan, human rights lawyer and activist, former Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

Asif Aqeel, Deputy Director, Center for Law & Justice

Razia Sultana, Coordinator for Women and Children's Affairs, and Trafficking Prevention, Free Rohingya Coalition

Interactive dialogue

10:30-11:30 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

Break

11:30-13:30 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

14:30-16:30 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

17:30-19:30 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

21:30-23:30 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

Thematic Session 2: Implementation: Institutions, Mechanisms, Policies, and Programmes

Moderator: **Ayako Hatano**, UN Advocacy Coordinator of the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)

Experts: **Sima Samar**, member of the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement

Dolkun Isa, President, World Uyghur Congress

Khatija Khader, OHCHR Consultant and independent researcher

Interactive dialogue

Day 2 15 June 2022

07:00-09:00 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

10:00-12:00 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

13:00-15:00 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

17:00-19:00 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

Thematic Session 3: Minority participation as a procedural and substantive right and process

Moderator: **Sriprapha Petcharamesree**, Advisor, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University

Experts: **Ghazala Jamil**, Assistant Professor, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Chet Narayan Rasaili, former Senior OHCHR Fellow, President of the Dalit Youth Alliance

Fareeda Panjor, Center for Conflict Studies and Diversity, Prince of Songkla University

Puja Kapai, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Convenor of the Women's Studies Research Centre at the University of Hong Kong

Interactive dialogue

09:00-10:00 (GMT +02:00 – Geneva)

Break

10:00-12:00 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva)

13:00-15:00 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

16:00-18:00 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

20:00-22:00 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

Thematic Session 4: Moving Forward: Reforming the Protection and Implementation of the Minority Rights Framework

Moderator: **Sajjad Hassan**, Convenor, the South Asia Collective

Experts: **Dukthen Kyi**, Heads the UN, EU and Human Rights Desk at the Department of Information and International Relations, Central Tibetan Administration

Manjula Pradeep, Director of Campaigns, Dalit Human Rights Defenders Network Project

Nina Mariani Noor, Programme Executive, Globethics.net and Lecturer in School of Graduate Studies, UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta

Interactive dialogue

12:00-13:00 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva) Break

13:00-13:30 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva) Presentation of Recommendations

16:00-16:30 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

19:00-29:30 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur))

23:00-23:30 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

In this session, the proposed recommendations developed during the four thematic sessions will be made available to participants to consider.

The session will be introduced by **Fernand de Varennes**, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues, following which **Marcus Oda**, Programme Manager at the Tom Lantos Institute, will present the list of recommendations.

Participants can make any final comments on specific recommendations using the Interactio chat function.

Moderator: **Anna-Mária Bíró**, Director of the Tom Lantos Institute

13:30-14:00 (GMT+02:00 - Geneva) Concluding remarks

16:30-17:00 (GMT+05:00 - Islamabad)

19:30-20:00 (GMT+08:00 - Kuala Lumpur)

23:30-00:00 (GMT+12:00 - Wellington)

Fernand de Varennes, UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues

Simultaneous interpretation is anticipated in English and Bahasa Malay