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Tuesday, 14th June 2022

Session 1: Opening Remarks

Shigeru Aoyagi	Director, UNESCO Bangkok
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
Chair: Anna- Mária Bíró,	Director, Tom Lantos Institute

Thematic Session 1: Thematic Session 1: Normative framework: existing norms

and interpretations

Invited Speakers

Jerald Joseph,	Former Commissioner, Human Rights Commission
(moderator)	Malaysia & Advisor Pusat Komas, Malaysia
Mohammad	Chair in International Law & Human Rights, Birmingham
Shahabuddin	Law School, University of Birmingham
Ambika	human rights lawyer and activist, former Commissioner
Satkunanathan	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

List of participants who took the floor

- 1. China
- 2. Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria
- Andrew Khoo, Messrs. Andrew Khoo & Daniel Lo, Advocates & Solicitors.
- 4. China Society for Human Rights Studies
- 5. Andrew Khoo
- 6. Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria

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

Invited Speakers

Ayako Hatano(moderator)	UN Advocacy Coordinator of the International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR)
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

List of participants who took the floor

- 1. China
- 2. World Sindhi Congress
- 3. Jeroen Zandberg
- 4. China
- 5. The Central Institute of Ethnic Administrators
- 6. Jerald Joseph
- 7. China Society for Human Rights Studies

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

Invited Speakers

Sriprapha Petcharamesree (Moderator)	Advisor, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University
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
Corinne Lennox	Co-Director, Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study, University of London
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

List of participants who took the floor

- 1. Mursal Mahmud
- 2. Achèh Sumatra National Liberation Front
- 3. China
- 4. The Central Institute of Ethnic Administrators
- 5. Nepal Iqra Educational Foundation
- 6. Qiang Dong
- 7. National Human Rights Commission of Nepal
- 8. Nepal Iqra Educational Foundation
- 9. Jerald Joseph

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

Sajjad Hassan (Moderator)	Convenor, the South Asia Collective
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

List of participants who took the floor

- 1. International Human Rights Commission
- 2. Xiaojing Zhao
- 3. National Human Rights Commission of Nepal
- 4. Manushya Foundation
- 5. China
- 6. The China Association for Preservation and Development of Tibetan Culture [CAPDTC]
- 7. Nepal Iqra Educational Foundation
- 8. China
- 9. World Sindhi Congress

Presentation of Recommendations

Fernand de Varennes	UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues
Marcus Oda	Programme Manager, Tom Lantos Institute
Anna-Mária Bíró (Chair)	Director, Tom Lantos Institute

Concluding Remarks

Fernand de Varennes UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues