



You are cordially invited to a panel discussion on

## *Lack of reporting of cases of reprisals: exploring ways forward*

Friday, 10 June 2011, 14:00 – 16:00  
Room 9 (IX)

Human Rights Council Resolution 12/2 invites the Secretary-General to provide the Council with a 'compilation and analysis of any available information' of alleged reprisals and to formulate 'recommendations on how to address the issues of intimidation and reprisals'. NGO experience highlights the lack of protection for victims of reprisals and the resulting reluctance to report such cases. The absence of broader and more long-term recommendations on addressing reprisals compounds this lack of protection.

This panel discussion will seek to explore ways in which various actors can raise awareness about and increase the effectiveness of the Council's efforts to combat reprisals, including by improving protection for those concerned. Short interventions by panellists will be followed by a debate with participants.

Panellists:

- ✓ Christophe Peschoux, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).
- ✓ David Koros, Center against Torture.
- ✓ Hassan Shire, East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Network.

*Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided*

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