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The regulation of the activities of multinationals for a better respect of human rights and local development

Side Event organised by the Human Rights Commission of the Conference of INGOs

Wednesday 25 January 2017, from 13.00 to 14.30, Room 2, Palais de l'Europe

Draft Programme

1. Opening
Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of INGOs
Ambassador Guido Bellatti Ceccoli, Permanent Representative of San Marino, President of the Rapporteur Group on Human Rights (GR-H) of the Committee of Ministers
2. Introduction: Presentation of the problems, origins and objectives of the task of the working group 'Human Rights, Co-development and Migrations' of the Human Rights Committee of the Conference of INGOs
Robert Simon (European Network Church on the Move)
3. Video of Amnesty France : *Ne faites pas l'autruche* (Don't be an ostrich)
4. Rana Plaza : Case study on the impacts of multinational activities and NGO mobilisations
Alice Bordaçarre, Action Aid - peuples solidaires
5. European and International standards in matters of civil and penal responsibility of Companies :
 - The UN Guidelines on Corporate Social Responsibility
Luis Espinosa-Salas, Advisor to the Ambassador of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva
 - Adoption of standards in Europe and internationally: Anti slavery act in the United Kingdom – Green Card Initiative of Switzerland at the European level - United Nations treaty
Daniele Gosteli Hauser, Amnesty International Switzerland
 - The draft law on the duty of vigilance in the French parliament
Pierre Yves le Borgn, French Deputy, member of the Parliamentary Assembly
6. Preparation, presentation and follow-up of the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States on human rights and business ([CM/Rec\(2016\)3](#) of 2 March 2016):
 - Presentation of the recommendation, its elaboration and follow-up
Ambassador Guido Bellatti Ceccoli, president of the GR-H - Human Rights group of rapporteurs of the Committee of Ministers, and Claire O'Brien of the Danish Institute

for Human Rights, observer of the Drafting Group of the Steering Committee for Human Rights on Human Rights and Business (CDDH)

- Point of view of an INGO
Gregory Thuan dit Dieudonné, lawyer (International Association of Lawyers)
 - Point of view on the follow-up by a member State
Luis Tarin Martin, expert in CSR, Permanent Representative of Spain to the Council of Europe
 - Parliamentarians from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe mobilize and propose a resolution (30 June 2016) for an effective fight against the negative effects of European companies operating abroad
Stefan Schennach, Austrian parliamentarian
7. Presentation of the recommendation of the WG to be submitted to the Conference of INGOs in June 2017
 8. Discussion
 9. Conclusions
Michel Aguilar, President of the Human Rights Committee of the Conference of INGOs