Programme

OHCHR Global Panel: “Moving away from the death penalty – Lessons from national experiences”

United Nations Headquarters, New York
North Lawn Building - Conference Room 2

3 July 2012

10:00-10:10 Opening remarks by Mr. Ban-Ki Moon, Secretary-General

10:10-10:20 Remarks by Ms. Navi Pillay, High Commissioner for Human Rights

10:20-11:45 First Session - Experiences of Member States on the abolition of the death penalty

Chair
Mr. Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary-General

Speakers
Mr. Valentin Bagorikunda, Prosecutor-General of the Republic of Burundi
Ms. Blanca Aída Stalling Dávila, Director-General of El Instituto de la Defensa Pública Penal de Guatemala
Mr. Federico Mayor, President, International Commission against the Death Penalty

11:45-12:30 Open discussion

12:30-13:45 Second Session: Human rights dimensions of the application of the death penalty in States retaining it

Chair
Professor Christof Heyns, UN Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Speakers
Mr. Kirk Bloodsworth, victim of wrongful conviction and death sentence, USA
Mr. Barry C. Scheck, Co-Director, The Innocence Project, New York
Mr. Douglas Mendes, Justice, Belize Court of Appeal and the President of the Caribbean Centre for Human Rights
Ms. Maiko Tagusari, Secretary-General, Center for Prisoners’ Rights, Japan
Mr. Cousin Zilala, Executive Director of Amnesty International, Zimbabwe

13:45-14:30 Open discussion

14:30-16:30 Reception, West Delegates’ Lounge, North Lawn Building

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