

## COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

### **Half-Day of General Discussion: “Non-Discrimination and the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights”**

*Palais Wilson, Geneva, 17 November 2008 (15.00-18.00)*

#### **Programme of work**

- 15.00 Welcoming remarks  
Mr. Philippe Texier, Chairperson of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- 15.10 Current challenges in the field of equality rights  
Mr. Bruce Porter, Executive Director, Social Rights Advocacy Centre
- 15.20 Overview of the draft General Comment No. 20 on non-discrimination  
Mr. Eibe Riedel, Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- 15.30 Characterising the obligations of State parties to the Covenant  
Mr. Malcolm Langford, Norwegian Centre on Human Rights, University of Oslo
- 15.40 Prohibited grounds of discrimination  
Mr. Christian Courtis, Human Rights and Economic & Social Issues Unit, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 15.50 Indigenous peoples and minorities  
Mr. Julian Burger, Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Unit, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- 16.00 Non-nationals  
Mr. Patrick Taran, International Labour Organisation
- 16.10 National policy, law and remedies  
Ms. Barbara Wilson, Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- 16.20 Discussion
- 17.40 Evaluation and way ahead  
Mr. Eibe Riedel and Ms. Barbara Wilson, Members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights