## 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, Socia 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