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the worldwide movement for children's rights

Cordially invite you to a side event on

Preventing violence against children deprived of liberty: the cases of Benin and Uruguay

Wednesday, 7th March 2012
14h00 – 16h00
Room XXIII, Palais des Nations

Since 2009, in partnership with two members of its SOS-Torture Network (IELSUR and ESAM), OMCT has implemented a project in Benin and Uruguay that aims at further protecting children deprived of liberty through, among other activities, developing monitoring visits of detention facilities by NGOs, training professionals on specific measures of prevention of violence against children in conflict with the law and deprived of liberty, and advocating State authorities.

On the occasion of the Human Rights Council's full-day meeting on the rights of the child that will this year focus on children and the administration of justice, the side event will provide an opportunity to address situations of violence against children deprived of liberty and discuss strategies to prevent such violence, including by monitoring detention facilities. The side event will also tackle challenges related to such monitoring and highlight good practices, notably in Benin and Uruguay, that could be replicated in other countries and regions. The presentations will be followed by a discussion with the audience

SPEAKERS:

- **Ms Marta Santos Pais**, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children;

- **Ms Rose Achá**, Defence for Children International (DCI) delegate and Regional Coordinator of the Juvenile Justice Project;

- **Mr Luis Pedernera**, Child Rights Coordinator, *Instituto de Estudios Legales y Sociales del Uruguay* (IELSUR), and Executive Secretary, Uruguayan Coalition for the Follow-up of the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

- **Mr Norbert Fanou-Ako**, Director, *Enfants Solidaires d'Afrique et du Monde* (ESAM).

The panel will be presided by **Mr Konrad Scharinger**, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in Geneva.

Refreshments served courtesy of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations

Interpretation French-English-Spanish will be available

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