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Expert Workshop on redress and rehabilitation of children and adolescent victims of torture and the intergenerational transmission of trauma

Wednesday, 6 April 2016

9:30-10:00	<i>Registration of participants</i>	
10:00-10:10	Welcome and opening remarks	Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Fund
10:10-10:25	Keynote address	Mr. Salama, Director Human Rights Treaties Division (OHCHR)
10:25-10:35	Introduction to workshop	Mr. Barudy (EXIL, Spain)
10:35-10:40	Workshop overview	Ms. Oré Aguilar, Fund's Trustee and Facilitator of the Workshop
10:40-11:45	Panel 1: (7 minutes per panellist)	Ms. de Mendonça (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel) Ms. Combrink (CSVR, South Africa) Ms. Hamzé (RESTART, Lebanon). Mr. Mezmur (CRC) Mr. Bruni (CAT) Mr. Barudy (EXIL, Spain) <i>Questions and comments from workshop participants to panellists</i>
11:45-12:45	Focus questions for panel group	Plenary discussion
12:45-13:00	Summary and action points	Chair of the Panel
13:00-15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
15:00-15:45	Panel 2: (7 minutes per panellist)	Ms. Pinto (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel) Ms. Carnemalm (Swedish Red Cross, Sweden)

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		Ms. Patal (ECAP, Guatemala) Ms. Carayon (REDRESS, UK) Ms. Ndoye (CAPREC, Senegal) <i>Questions and comments from workshop participants to panellists</i>
15:45-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:00-17:15	Focus questions for working groups' discussions	Participants will be divided in two groups (Conference Room – First floor and Room 2.052 – Second floor)
17:15-17:45	Working groups' debriefing, summary and action points	Chair of the Panel
18:00	<i>Cocktail with workshop participants (Room 1-016, 1st floor)</i>	

Thursday, 7 April 2016

9:30-10:00	Welcome, actions for day 1 and overview of day 2	Ms. Oré Aguilar, Fund's Board Member and Facilitator of the Workshop
10:00-10:45	Panel 3: (7 minutes per panellist)	Mr. El-Shazly (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel) Ms. Quattoni (Association Mana, France) Ms. Sirkin (Physicians for Human Rights, USA) Ms. Tsiskarishvili (GCRT, Georgia) <i>Questions and comments from workshop participants to panellists</i>
10:45-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00-12:15	Focus questions for working groups' discussions	Participants will be divided into two groups (Conference Room – First floor and Room RS 181 – Ground floor)
12:15-12:45	Working groups' debriefing,	Chair of the Panel

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	summary and action points	
12:45-14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30-15:20	Panel 4: (7 minutes per panellist)	<p>Mr. Pietrzak (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel)</p> <p>Mr. Orieny (CVT, USA)</p> <p>Ms. Escamilla (CADHAC, Mexico)</p> <p>Ms. Semreen (Noor Al-Hussein Foundation, Jordan)</p> <p>Ms. Muqit (Justice Centre, Hong Kong, China)</p> <p><i>Questions and comments from workshop participants to panellists</i></p>
15:20-15:30	Summary and action points	Chair of the panel
15:30-15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:45-16:15	Conclusions and Recommendations	Final plenary discussion on next steps
16:15-16:30	Closing remarks	Chair, Board of Trustees UN Fund for Victims of Torture

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PANEL 1

UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGE: rights and needs of children and adolescent victims of torture

- Tailored provision of rehabilitation to children and adolescent victims of torture: its opportunities and challenges
- Specific impact of torture on children, family and society
- Specific thresholds for pain inflicted on children
- Short and long-term rights and needs of children and adolescent victims of torture
- Legal concepts and human rights frameworks for the protection, rehabilitation and redress of children affected by torture

PANELLISTS: Ms. Maria Cristina de Mendonça (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel)

Mr. Jorge Barudy (EXIL, Spain)

Ms. Sophia Combrink (CSVR, South Africa)

Ms. Sana Hamzé (RESTART, Lebanon)

Mr. Benyam Dawit Mezmur (Committee on the Rights of the Child)

Mr. Alessio Bruni (Committee against Torture)

FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP: Plenary discussion

- 1) Who are the children at greater risk of being tortured and/or affected by torture?
- 2) How are children directly affected by torture? How are children indirectly affected by torture?
- 3) Are children differently affected by torture than adults?
- 4) How can child victims be involved in their own rehabilitation and redress?
- 5) What variables help understand how the child is coping?
- 6) How to address and develop child's resilience?
- 7) How can the principle of the best interests of the child support her/his right to rehabilitation and redress?

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PANEL 2

WALKING THROUGH THE HEALING PROCESS: the rehabilitation journey of children and adolescent victims of torture

- Challenges and best practices in providing redress and rehabilitation to children and adolescent victims of torture
- Importance of redress and rehabilitation of children and adolescents victims of torture as a core component in the fight against torture and impunity

PANELLISTS: Ms. Anastasia Pinto (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel)

Ms. Anette Carnemalm (Swedish Red Cross, Sweden)

Ms. Maudi Tzay Patal (ECAP, Guatemala)

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FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP: Working groups' discussions

- 1) Are there specific regional and/or context related challenges?
- 2) How to tailor therapies/assistance depending on the age, maturity and evolving capacities of the child?
- 3) How to tailor redress depending on the age, maturity and evolving capacities of the child?
- 4) How can children be rehabilitated while respecting their right to a holistic development?
- 5) What role should redress and rehabilitation play in post-conflict processes?
- 6) In comparison to children, do adolescents (and young persons) require specific measures in their rehabilitation and redress? Should they have a specific protection?

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PANEL 3

PREVENTING, IDENTIFYING AND TREATING: the inter-generational transmission of trauma affecting children and adolescents

- Characteristics of the inter-generational transmission of trauma
- Recommendations on the prevention and treatment of the intergenerational transmission of trauma

PANELLISTS: Mr. Morad El-Shazly (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel)

Ms. Berenise Quattoni (Association Mana, France)
Ms. Susannah Sirkin (Physicians for Human Rights, USA)
Ms. Lela Tsiskarishvili (GCRT, Georgia)

FOCUS QUESTIONS FOR THE GROUP: Working groups' discussions

- 1) How is trauma transmitted through generations?
- 2) How does it influence parents or other legal guardians, families, communities and subsequent generations?
- 3) What are the main challenges addressing it? When to address it?
- 4) What are the experiences on the prevention and measures taken to address the inter-generational transmission of trauma?
- 5) What are the approaches and key developments in this regard?
- 6) What are the good practices and lessons learnt?

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PANEL 4

THE WAY FORWARD: developing strategies and programmes for children and adolescent victims of torture

- Recommendations for practitioners on how to establish and implement programmes for the rehabilitation and redress of children and adolescent victims of torture
- Recommendations for professional groups and the international community

PANELLISTS: Mr. Mikolaj Pietrzak (Fund's Trustee and Chair of the Panel)

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CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Areas of work that deserve further discussion
- Next steps
- Specific conclusions of the Expert Workshop to be shared during Public Event on 8 April

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