

Towards Torture-Free Trade: Opportunities and Challenges

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Friday 11 December 2020, 16:00 -18:00 CET/10:00 –12:00 EST

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16:00	10:00	Opening remarks Ambassador Olof Skoog , Head of EU Delegation to the United Nations, New York and Ambassador María del Carmen Squeff , Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations
		Keynote speeches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights • Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Representative for Human Rights
16:30	10:30	Presentation by Cecile Aptel , Chief of Rule of Law and Democracy Section, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: UNSG Report: <i>'Towards torture-free trade: examining the feasibility, scope, and parameters for possible common international standards (A/74/969)'</i> of July 2020 and state of play of the UN Group of Governmental Experts
16:40	10:40	Regional perspective on Torture-Free trade: Dr. Nicola Wenzel , Rapporteur Steering Committee for Human Rights, Council of Europe
16:50	10:50	The role of civil society in Torture-Free trade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Michael Crowley, Research Associate, Omega Research Foundation and Honorary Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Bradford University • Rajat Khosla, Senior Director, Research, Advocacy and Policy, Amnesty International, International Secretariat • Prof. Manfred Nowak, Secretary General of the Global Campus on Human Rights
17:10	11:10	Q&A session
17:40	11:40	Closing remarks and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilde Hardeman, Director - Head of Service, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments
Event moderated by		<i>Dr. Ezgi Yildiz, Senior Researcher at the Global Governance Center, Graduate Institute, Geneva</i>