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SUBJECT/OBJET: Update on activities of the Human Rights Council

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to invite you to an update for senior officials by the President of Human Rights Council on the activities of the Council during this year. This meeting will take place on **Thursday 14 November 2013, from 10.30 am until 11.30 am in Conference Room S-2722 at the UN Secretariat.**

Kindly confirm your attendance with Martijn Dalhuijsen (dalhuijsen@un.org) by 7 November 2013.

Best regards,

Ivan Šimonović

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Update on the activities of the
Human Rights Council

Thursday 14 November 2013, Time: 10:30 am-11:30 am
S-2722, UN Secretariat, New York

The Human Rights Council is an Intergovernmental body within the United Nations system and one of its most prominent bodies. The General Assembly established the UNHRC on 15 March 2006, to replace the Commission on Human Rights.

A briefing will be conducted by:

- Ambassador Remigiusz Achilles Henczel, President of the Human Rights Council
- Mr. Bacre Ndiaye, Director of the Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division, OHCHR
- Mr. Eric Tistounet, Chief of the Human Rights Council Branch, OHCHR



Remigiusz Achilles Henczel has served as Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations Office at Geneva since October 2010. Prior to his appointment to Geneva, Mr. Henczel held numerous positions in his Government including Director of the Legal and Treaty Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2003 and 2010); Polish representative to United Nations General Assembly Sixth Committee (legal) and Legal Advisor of the Council of Europe and the European Union; and head of the Department of Labour and Industrial Relations in the framework of the United Nations Temporary Administration Mission in Kosovo (2001-2002). Mr. Henczel previously served in the Permanent Representation of Poland to the United Nations Office at Geneva as a Counsellor from 1997 to 2001 during which time he was responsible for labour and social affairs issues. Between 1991 and 1997 he was Director of the Department of International Relations and European Integration in the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy. Ambassador Henczel received a PhD degree in public international law and international organizations at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan in 1987. Born in Jarocin on 23 June 1957, he is married with one daughter.



Bacre Ndiaye currently serves as Director of the Division of Human Rights Council and Special Procedures Division at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights from 1998 to 2006. He has participated in a wide range of field missions and has been closely involved in the work of Integrated Mission Task Forces and planning for United Nations peacekeeping operations. He also participated in the implementation of the human rights mainstreaming policy in the areas of peace and security, development, rule of law, humanitarian, economic and social affairs. From 1992 to 1998, he served as United

Nations Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Ndiaye has worked extensively in the field of human rights. He was the founding member of the Amnesty International section (Senegal) in 1980 and served as a member of the Organization's Executive Committee from 1985-1991. In his capacity as Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Human Rights Commission on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, he has participated in missions to Yugoslavia (1992), including for the International Commission of investigation of war crimes and crimes against humanity; Rwanda (1993) and in 1994 with the Special Rapporteur on Rwanda; Papua New Guinea (1995). He also prepared reports on missions to Peru (1994); Colombia (1996); Indonesia and Timor Leste and Burundi (1995); the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Sri Lanka and the United States (1997). Mr. Ndiaye remained elected member of the Senegalese Bar Council for 16 years (1982-1998) and served as its Secretary General for eight years (1983-1991). During 1995, he was appointed member of the Truth and Justice Commission in Haiti and in 1994 he was awarded the Human Rights Prize of the International Service for Human Rights.



Eric Tistounet is the Chief of the Human Rights Council Branch. Mr. Tistounet provides political and policy advice to the High Commissioner and the President of the Human Rights Council. Prior to this, Mr. Tistounet was Secretary of the Commission on Human Rights, Chief of Cabinet of the High Commissioner, External Relations Officer, Change Management Officer and Secretary of the Human Rights Committee. Mr. Tistounet graduated from the Université Panthéon Sorbonne (Paris I) in 1986 with a degree in International Law and joined the United Nations in 1987.

All senior officials are invited to attend this update on activities of the Human Rights Council which takes place on Thursday 14 November 2013, 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m., S-2722, UN Secretariat, New York.



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