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WORKSHOP

THE NEW HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL: THE FIRST TWO YEARS

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Programme

Wednesday, 7 November 2007

9.00: INTRODUCTION

Prof. F. Francioni, N. Ronzitti, M. Scheinin

1. SESSION ON INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

9.30-11.00: The New Institutional Framework: A New Institution Facing Old Problems

Chairperson: Prof. M. Scheinin

9.30 -11.00: New Rules and Old Players?

- **9.30 / 10.00:** The Impact of the Rules on Membership on the Functioning of the Council
E. Rebasti (EUI)
Dr. M. Lempinen (Abo Akademi University)
- **10.00/10.30:** The role for NGOs
M. Mecacci (UN Representative, Transnational Radical Party)
Prof. O. de Frouville (University of Montpellier)

- *10.30-11.00*: Discussion

11.00-11.15: Coffee break

**11.15-13.00: The New Institutional Framework: A New Institution Facing Old Problems
(continued)**

Chairperson: Prof. F. Francioni

- *11.15-11.45*: New Roles and Old Powers. Mandate, Powers and Working Methods of the New Human Rights Council.
Prof. M. Scheinin (Abo Akademi University)
- *11.45 - 12.30*: Alternative or Complementing Frameworks for Human Rights Protection at the International Level?
Prof. N. Ronzitti (LUISS University, and Istituto Affari Internazionali - IAI)
Dr. S. Åkermark-Spiliopoulou (Åland Islands Peace Institute, Associate Professor)
- *12.30 - 13.00*: Discussion

13.00-14.15: Lunch break

**14.15-14.45: The New Institutional Framework: A New Institution Facing Old Problems
(continued)**

Chairperson: Prof. N. Ronzitti

- *14.15-14.45*: The HRC: A Real Breakthrough for the Protection of Human Rights in Comparison with the Human Rights Commission?
Prof. R. Wedgwood (HR Committee)
Prof. E. Cannizzaro (University of Macerata)

14.45-16.15: The New HRC in the UN System: Mainstreaming or Segregation of HR Policies in the UN System?

Chairperson: Prof. N. Ronzitti

- *14.45-15.15*: The Status of the New HRC as a Sub-organ of the General Assembly
Prof. B. Conforti (University of Naples)
Prof. Geir Ulfstein (University of Oslo)
- *15.15-15.45*: The Relationship of the new HRC with other UN Organs: Security Council, ECOSOC, Peace Building Commission
Prof. P.M. Dupuy (EUI)
Prof. B. Fassbender (Humboldt University)
- *15.45-16.15*: Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Human Rights Council

Prof. F. Francioni (EUI), The Place of Cultural Rights in the HRC Agenda
Prof. E-U. Petersmann (EUI)

16.15- 16.30: Coffee break

16.30-18.00: The New HRC in the UN System: Mainstreaming or Segregation of HR Policies in the UN System? (continued)

Chairperson: Prof. P.M. Dupuy

- **16.30-17.00:** The HRC and the International Humanitarian Law
Prof. Zhu Wenqi (Renmin University, China)
Dr. F. Lenzerini (University of Siena)

- **17.00-18.00:** Discussion

Thursday, 8 November 2007

2. SESSION ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

9.00-10.30: New and Old Tools to Enhance the Effectiveness of the UN HR Protection System

Chairperson: Prof. B. Fassbender

- **9.00-9.45:** New Tools: UPR and HRC Special Sessions
Prof. N. Rodley (University of Essex – HR Committee)
Prof. R. Pisillo Mazzeschi (University of Siena)
- **9.45-10.30:** Old Tools: the Review of Commission's Mandates
Prof. M. Scheinin (Abo Akademi University)
Dr. Jonas Grimheden (Raoul Wallenberg Institute)

10.30-10.45 : Coffee break

10.45-12.00: Round Table: The New HRC and Treaty Bodies: Towards Unity or Enhanced Fragmentation of HR Protection? Problems and Prospects: A Tentative Assessment

Chairperson: Prof. N. Rodley

Prof. F. Francioni, Prof. N. Ronzitti, Prof. M. Scheinin, Prof. P-M. Dupuy, Prof. J. Pratter
Prof. E.Cannizzaro

12.00-13.00 : Conclusions