

Human Rights Council 34th session

# Convention against Torture Initiative

High Level Side Event

27 February 2017

The Governments of Chile, Denmark, Ghana, Indonesia and Morocco, as part of the Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI), have the pleasure of inviting you to a side event during the high level segment of the 34th session of the Human Rights Council:

## Influencing public perception: Why torture must be rejected

Monday, 27 February 2017

13:00-15:00, Palais des Nations, room XXIII

Recent studies show that a growing number of people perceive torture as justifiable in certain situations, such as in times of war or terrorism. Yet international law prohibits torture under any circumstances and without exception.

Why do such perceptions prevail? And how can this trend be reversed?

Views and experiences from governments, practitioners, neuroscience and the media will be shared, followed by an open debate.

Light refreshments will be served from 12:45

### Opening remarks:

H.E. Mr. Anders Samuelsen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark

### Speakers:

H.E. Ms. Lorena Fries Monleón, Undersecretary for Human Rights, Ministry of Justice of Chile

Ms. Catherine Fiankan Bokonga, Correspondent of France 24 in Switzerland and Editor in Chief of Swiss publication Klvin Mag

Mr. Shane O'Mara, Professor of Experimental Brain Research, Trinity College Dublin

**Moderated by:** Dr. Alice Edwards, Head of the CTI Secretariat



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