

Please join us for the panel:
Torture During Interrogations: Illegal, Immoral, and Ineffective
72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly
Friday, September 22, 2017 – 8:00 am to 9:30 am
ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters, New York City

We are pleased to cordially invite you to a high-level panel discussion entitled “**Torture During Interrogations: Illegal, Immoral, and Ineffective**,” during the opening week of the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly. The event will feature a discussion around the imperative of preventing torture and other ill-treatment during interrogations from legal, moral, and practical perspectives. Participants will discuss best practices in the implementation of non-coercive investigative interviewing techniques, and of procedural detention safeguards.

Participants will hear from *H.E. Ms. Michelle Bachelet*, President of the Republic of Chile, *H.E. Mr. Anders Samuelsen*, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, and *H.E. Mr. Nasser Bourita*, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Morocco. Other participants will include *Mr. Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein*, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and *Professor Juan E. Méndez*, former UN Special Rapporteur on Torture (via video message). They will be joined by a panel of technical experts from the Brazil, Norway, Russia, and the United States. *Mr. Andrew Gilmour*, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, will moderate the event.

RSVP is required. To RSVP, please contact Ms. Andra Nicolescu at anicoles@wcl.american.edu no later than Monday, September 18, 2017.