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# Corruption and its impact on human rights

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The effects of corruption on the realization of human rights are well-recognized. However, as stated by Morocco on behalf of 134 states to the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) in June 2012, 'for too long, the anticorruption and human rights movements have been working in parallel rather than tackling these problems together.' The UN General Assembly adopts an annual resolution on preventing and combating corrupt practices, where it recognized that corruption constitutes one of the obstacles to the effective promotion and protection of human rights.

In March 2015, the Advisory Committee to the HRC will recommend how the Council should consider this issue. In November 2013 the Conference of the States Parties (COSP) to UNCAC called upon State Parties to strengthen integrity across the entire criminal justice system. In order to address the harmful effects of corruption in prisons, UNODC is currently developing a new publication on anti-corruption measures in prisons. Both relate directly to the protection of human rights.

The event aims to promote more in-depth and systematic engagement of UN bodies and member states to address corruption from a human rights perspective. The panel of experts will look at these recent developments and highlight three illustrative areas where corruption and human rights are interlinked and how the relationship needs to be addressed.

Opening remarks

H.E. Ambassador Bogusław Winid, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the UN

### Illustrative examples

Corruption and the prohibition against torture

Malcolm Evans, Chair of the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture

Corruption and its impact on the right to education Kishore Singh, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education

Corruption and criminal justice

Andrea Huber, Policy Director, Penal Reform International

#### **UN perspectives**

**UNODC's perspective** 

Jason D. Reichelt, Senior Adviser UNODC New York office

OHCHR's perspective

**Bat-Erdene Ayush**, Chief, Right to Development Section Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Concluding remarks and next steps

**H.E. Ambassador Hilale**, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN

Moderated by: Gareth Sweeney, Transparency International