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Life imprisonment: setting international standards

Wednesday 16 May 2018, 1.10 – 2.00pm, Conference room MOE 100

183 countries and territories allow for life imprisonment but its impact on prison management and the human rights of those serving life sentences has received little attention, including at the UN level. At this side event the findings of a global study on life imprisonment will be presented. Recommendations for the reform of life imprisonment, and recommendations for the role of the CCPCJ in setting international standards on life imprisonment will be discussed.

Welcome and introduction

Anne-Li Ferguson, Senior Adviser, Ministry of Justice, Norway

Life Imprisonment: The global picture

Dirk van Zyl Smit and Catherine Appleton, University of Nottingham

Reforming life imprisonment: role of CCPCJ and recommendations

Olivia Rope, Policy and Programme Manager, Penal Reform International

Standards relevant to life imprisonment

Valérie Lebaux, Chief, Justice Section, Division for Operations of UNODC

Case study: life imprisonment in the United States

Jennifer Turner, American Civil Liberties Union (by video message)

Moderator and concluding remarks

H.E. Ambassador António Almeida Ribeiro, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the UN in Vienna