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"A human rights-based approach to criminal law: the International Commission of Jurists' 8 March Principles"

Invitation to a Side Event at the 33rd Session of UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Wednesday, 15 May 2024, 13:00 pm – 13:50 p.m., Vienna, in-person, M Building, room MOE100

The International Commission of Jurists, together with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Colombia, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Amnesty International, Fair Trials, the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute, the International Drug Policy Consortium, the International Network of People Who Use Drugs, the Open Society Foundation, the Paradigma Coalition, Penal Reform International and Youth RISE, invite you to a presentation and discussion on the need to decriminalize conduct protected under international human rights law or whose criminal proscription is otherwise inconsistent with general principles of criminal law and international human rights law and share [The 8 March Principles](#), a set of legal principles elaborated by jurists for a human rights-based approach to criminal law, with States, civil society organizations and other stakeholders attending the 33rd session of the UN Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Opening remarks by Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations (Vienna), Laura Gil Savastano

Patricia Schulz

Commissioner, International Commission of Jurists;

Olivia Rope

Executive Director, Penal Reform International;

Rebeca Marques Rocha

International Communications & Advocacy Officer, Youth RISE.

Moderated by Zaved Mahmood, Drug Policy and Human Rights Advisor, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights