

## **SIDE-EVENT**

# **HOMELESSNESS AND THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING**

Organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Germany to the United Nations in Geneva, the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Leilani Farha, and the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

**Geneva, 4 March 2016**  
**Palais des Nations, room XXVII, 12.30 to 14.00 pm**



# How is it that homelessness – one of the most significant and widespread violations of human rights globally – can be so invisible?

## PROGRAMME

### 12:30-12:45 Opening remarks

- H.E. Päivi Kairamo, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland
- H.E. Joachim Rücker, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Germany

### 12:45-13:00 Presentation of the report by the Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Ms Leilani Farha

### 13:00- 13:30 Panelists

- María Lucía Santos Pereira, National Movement of Persons in Street Situations (Brazil)
- Olivier de Schutter, member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights-
- Frederik Spinnewijn- Director of European Federation of National Organizations working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)

### 13:30- 13:55 Questions and discussion

### 14:00 End of the event

\*Sandwiches and refreshments will be served



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