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SIDE EVENT

Chicago Declaration on the Rights of Older Persons

Fifth Session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing

United Nations, New York

1 August 2014 | 1:15 - 2:30 p.m. | Conference Room A

Opening Remarks: William L. Pope, *Commissioner*, American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging; *ABA Liaison*, U.N. Open-ended Working Group & William Mock, *Professor*, The John Marshall Law School (Chicago, Illinois)

Co-Chairs/Moderators: Israel (Issi) Doron, *Professor of Law; Head, Department of Gerontology, School of Social Work*, University of Haifa and Eilionóir Flynn, *Senior Lecturer; Deputy Director, Centre for Disability Law and Policy*, National University of Ireland, Galway, School of Law

Speakers/Panelists:

- Bethany Barratt, *Associate Professor; Director, Joseph Loundy Human Rights Project*, Roosevelt University (Chicago, Illinois)
- Steven Schwinn, *Associate Professor; Co-Director, International Human Rights Clinic*, The John Marshall Law School (Chicago, Illinois)
- Sarah Dávila Ruhaak, *Adjunct Professor; Co-Director, International Human Rights Clinic*, The John Marshall Law School (Chicago, Illinois)
- Joyce Gallagher, *Executive Director, Department of Family and Support Services - Chicago Area on Aging; Chair*, Illinois Department on Aging and Committee on Ageism (Chicago, Illinois)

Representative from Civil Society:

- Ebbe Johansen, *Vice President*, AGE Platform Europe, Brussels

Background on the Chicago Declaration

The side event will report on the process of engagement and drafting of the Chicago Declaration on the Rights of Older Persons.

The Chicago Declaration is a working product of scholars, advocates and policy makers from more than a dozen countries. It builds on the principles proclaimed in international human rights instruments and previous regional and international instruments promoting the rights of older persons. Elements of the Chicago Declaration include the human rights and fundamental freedoms of older persons and proposed state obligations to ensure and promote those rights.

The Declaration will hope to inform and contribute to the work of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing. After an interactive panel discussion, the panelists and Chicago Declaration Working Group will be available for a Question and Answer session. Further discussions regarding the Chicago Declaration are encouraged and appreciated.

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