

## ***Challenges and Achievements of the UN-mandated International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism (IIIM)***

Friday, 21 September 2018

11.30 to 13.00 – Room XXV, Palais des Nations

On 21 December 2016, by resolution 71/248, the General Assembly decided to establish the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011 (Mechanism, or IIIM). It created the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism with the mandate to collect, consolidate, preserve and analyse evidence of the crimes committed in Syria and the task to prepare files in order to facilitate and expedite fair and independent criminal proceedings in tribunals or courts that have or may in the future have jurisdiction over these crimes.

The excellent terms of reference<sup>1</sup> drafted by Secretary-General and the swift appointment of Ms Catherine Marchi-Uhel as Head of the IIIM were significant steps in the establishment of the IIIM. Under her firm leadership the IIIM has become operational and is rapidly expanding its capacity. As established in the Mechanism's terms of reference, the Head of the Mechanism shall submit a report to the General Assembly twice a year on the implementation of its mandate, while preserving the confidential nature of its substantive work. In line with this provision, the Mechanism has submitted its first report in January 2018 and its second report in September 2018.

On Friday, 21 September 2018, the Permanent Missions of Liechtenstein and Qatar invite to a briefing with the Head of the IIIM, Ms Catherine Marchi-Uhel, on her second report to the General Assembly. She will discuss the implementation of her vision for the IIIM as well as current challenges and achievements. At the briefing, Ms Marchi-Uhel will also address the IIIM's budgetary requirements. The briefing will be followed by a discussion and participating states will have the opportunity to make financial pledges in support the Mechanism.

H.E. Mr. H.E. Ali Khalfan Al-Mansouri , Permanent Representative of Qatar to the UN in Geneva will deliver opening remarks,

H.E. Mr. Peter Matt, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the UN in Geneva will deliver welcoming remarks and moderate the event.

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<sup>1</sup> The Secretary-General's report, including the Terms of Reference, were published on 26 January 2017 and can be found on Official Document System (ODS) of the UN: A/71/755.