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## **CRIMINALISATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

**WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 2013, 14.00 – 15.30**  
**PALAIS DE NATIONS, ROOM XXII**

As underlined by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2012, “In just two months we have seen a worrying shift in the legislative environment governing the enjoyment of the freedoms of assembly, association, speech and information in the Russian Federation. At least four new legal provisions have been made which will have a detrimental effect on human rights in the country.” This recent spate of regulation coupled with ongoing judicial harassment and intimidation of civil society activists severely undermines the work of human rights defenders and has led to a general climate of repression in the country. It is imperative that the international community reacts against such mechanisms aimed at criminalising the work of human rights defenders, which contradict international agreements and standards.

### **Panelists:**

Anna Dobrovolskaya, *International Youth Human Rights Movement*

Maria Kozlovskaya, *Russian LGBT- Network*

Abdulla Duduev, *Russian magazine DOSH*

Boris Pustyntsev, *Citizen's Watch*

### **Moderation:**

Human Rights House Foundation

**Refreshments and English / Russian translation will be provided**

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