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**COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

**CHILDREN’S RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**2016 DAY OF GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**PROGRAMME OF WORK**

**Room XIX, Palais des Nations**

**10.00-10.05 Opening remarks**

*Mr. Benyam Dawit Mezmur, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child*

**10.05-10.50 Introductory statements**

*Dr. Maria Neira, WHO Director, Department of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health*

*H.E. Cecilia B. Rebong, Ambassador of the Philippines, Mission to the UN in Geneva*

*Ms. Ritu, Mr. Caleb Mulenga, Ms. Gina Marcela Parra Chiquillo, (Child Representatives), and Mr. Ignacio Packer, Secretary General of Terre des Hommes*

*Prof. John Knox, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment*

**11.00-13.00 Working groups**

**Working group 1 – Room XIX:** Children’s exposure to environmental toxicants

*Mr. Baskut Tuncak, UN Special Rapporteur on the Implications for Human Rights of the Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of Hazardous Substances and Wastes*

*Dr. Lilian Corra, International Society of Doctors for the Environment*

*Ms. Juliane Kippenberg, Human Rights Watch*

**Working group 2 – Room XII:** Children and the effects of environmental degradation - children’s rights and climate change

*Ms. Joni Pegram, UNICEF UK*

*Ms. Brianna Fruean, Climate Youth Activist*

*Ms. Rekha Dhillon-Richardson, Climate Youth Activist and Ms. Kelly Matheson, Our Children’s Trust*

**13.00-15.00 Lunch break** *(with option to participate in lunchtime side events)*

**15.00-17.00 Working groups continued**

**Working group 1 – Room XIX:** Children’s exposure to environmental toxicants

*Ms Ritu, Child Representative, and Ms. Sharmila Bhagat, Ankur Society for Alternatives in Education*

*Mr. Nicholas Rees, UNICEF*

*Mr. Caleb Mulenga, Child Representative, and Mr Namo Chuma, Environment Africa*

*Dr. Daniel Limpitlaw, Mining Consultant*

**Working group 2 – Rooms XII:** Children and the effects of environmental degradation - Children’s rights and the degradation of ecosystems, loss of biodiversity and lack of access to natural resources (nature)

*Ms. Priscila Bribiesca-Rodriguez, Earth Defenders*

*Mr. Tom Weerachat, Mekong Youth Assembly*

*Ms. Gina Marcela Parra Chiquillo, Child Representative, and Ms. Maria Andrea Gomez Gomez, Pensamiento Y* Acción *Social*

**17.00-17.20 Coffee break**

**17.20-17.50 Presentation by rapporteurs to plenary of working groups’ conclusions**

**17.50-17.55 Concluding comments**

*Prof. Kirsten Sandberg, Rapporteur of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and Chair of the Committee’s Working Group on Children’s Rights and the Environment*

**17.55-18.00 Closing remarks**

*Mr. Benyam Dawit Mezmur, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child*

**18.00-19.00 Closing reception and launch of the exhibition “children’s rights and the environment”**

*Palais des Nations, Mezzanine (Building E, 2nd floor – Door 40)*