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Subject: Seminar on the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva and has the honour to invite them to the seminar on the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications, mandated by Human Rights Council resolution 20/11.

The seminar will take place on 3-4 October 2013 in Room XXIV, Palais des Nations, Geneva as indicated in the attached draft programme.

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The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva.



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**SEMINAR ON THE RIGHT TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF SCIENTIFIC
PROGRESS AND ITS APPLICATIONS**

3-4 OCTOBER 2013

ROOM XXIV, PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA

Draft Programme

3 OCTOBER 2013

10:00 – 10:15

Opening statement of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, delivered by Mr. Craig Mokhiber (Chief, Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch)

**Session 1: The normative content of the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress
and its applications: principles and practice**

10:15 – 11:00

Farida Shaheed, Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights

Lea Shaver, Yale University

Jessica Wyndham, American Association for the Advancement of Science

Mpazi Sinjela, University of Lusaka (Moderator)

11:00 – 11:45: Discussion

Session 2: Scientific freedom

11:45- 12:15

Margaret Vitullo, American Sociological Association

Irene Villasenor, University of the Philippines

Jessica Wyndham (Moderator)

12:15 – 13:00: Discussion

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

Session 3: Interdependence between the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications and other human rights

15:00 – 15:45

Peter Beyer, World Health Organisation

Jose Luis Vivero, *Université Catholique de Louvain*

Jose Maria Batanero (TBC), International Telecommunication Union

Rio Hada, OHCHR (Moderator)

15:45– 16:45: Discussion

16:45 End

4 OCTOBER 2013

Session 1: The right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and intellectual property rights: conflict or complementarity?

10:00 – 10:45

Marco Aleman, World Intellectual Property Organisation

Mpazi Sinjela, University of Lusaka

Frederick Abbott, Florida State University College of Law

Christian Courtis, OHCHR (Moderator)

10:45 - 11:30 Discussion

Session 2: Access to information, technology and knowledge

11:30 – 12:15

Iryna Kuchma, Electronic Information for Libraries

Roger Pfister, Swiss Academy of Sciences / International Council for Science Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the conduct of Science

Hans Morten Haugen, Diakonhjemmet University College

Christian Courtis, OHCHR (Moderator)

12:15 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

Session 3: The right to participation in the scientific enterprise

15:00 – 15:45

Dafna Feinholz (TBC), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation

Hans Morten Haugen, Diakonhjemmet University College

Jessica Wyndham, American Association for the Advancement of Science

Farida Shaheed (Moderator)

15:45 – 16:30: Discussion

16:30: Closing of seminar