

The high-level panel will be comprised of the following six panelists from the COI and civil society:

Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, Chair, COI

Karen Koning AbuZayd, Commissioner, COI

Hanny Megally, Commissioner, COI

Mazen Darwish, President, Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression;

Sabah Hallaq, Syrian League for Citizenship

Wafa Moustafa, Families for Freedom.

The meeting will be open and webcast on UN Web TV with interpretation in all official languages. Each panelist will have up to 7 minutes to deliver his/her remarks. The floor will then be open for up to 3-minute interventions and/or questions.

Please note that there will be no pre-established list of speakers for this meeting. For planning purposes only, delegations are encouraged to **register their interest to speak by 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, 26 February 2021** via e-mail to Mr. Igor Bondiuk (igor.bondiuk@un.org), Human Rights Adviser, copying Ms. Hila Wesa (wesa@un.org), Team Leader for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. **Civil society representatives interested in submitting questions to the high-level panel are requested to do so by 5:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday, 24 February 2021**, via e-mail to Ms. Giorgia Passarelli (passarellig@un.org), Human Rights Officer at OHCHR. The moderator will select some of the questions for the panelists to answer during the discussion.