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Co-Hosts**COALITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS HOSTS VIETNAM UPR EVENT AT THE
PALAIS DES NATIONS ON FEB 4, 2014****ARTICLE 19**

GENEVA - In advance of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam's Universal Periodic Review, a coalition of Vietnamese and international human rights organizations will host a side event on February 4, 2014 at the Palais Des Nations to shine a spotlight on the most egregious human rights abuses in Vietnam today.

The event, titled "With Membership Comes Responsibility: Ensuring Human Rights in Vietnam," will bring together human rights experts and activists. Among the speakers are human rights defenders from Vietnam including: a human rights lawyer, the mother of an imprisoned activist, and a citizen journalist. They will speak on the challenges facing civil society and the growing crackdown in Vietnam.

Confirmed speakers and panel moderators include:

- Ann Harrison, Director, PEN International Writers in Prison Committee
- Duy Hoang, Spokesperson, Viet Tan
- Benjamin Ismail, Head of Asia Desk, Reporters Without Borders
- Nani Jansen, Senior Legal Counsel, Media Legal Defence Initiative
- Gisle Kvanvig, Vietnam Program Director, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights
- Libby Liu, President of Radio Free Asia
- Do Phu Nguyen, Board of Directors, Human Rights for Vietnam PAC
- Binh Nguyen, Chairwoman of Vietnam Progress
- Thierry Oppikofer, Chairman of COSUNAM
- Leon Saltiel, Deputy Director, UN Watch
- Judy Taing, Asia Programme Officer, Article 19
- Anne-Marie von Arx, Swiss MP who visited Vietnam in 2012

The list of human rights defenders from Vietnam will be published before the event.

Details

With Membership Comes Responsibility: Ensuring Human Rights in Vietnam

What: Pre-UPR Side Event

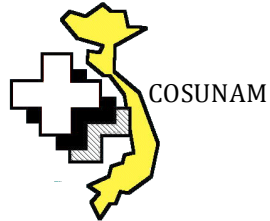
When: February 4th, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Where: Palais Des Nations, Room XXV

Press and media must register (<http://bit.ly/upr-2014>) for accreditation and entrance into the Palais Des Nations.

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