

UN advocacy call 29 May 2024

I. Past activities

- a. Participation in the 55th Human Rights Council (HRC).
 - i. HRI regularly produces briefings before and after the HRC to highlight opportunities and outcomes. Link [Here and Here](#).
 - ii. HRC55, [Oral Statement](#) at Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Torture.
- Joint submissions coordinated with the group
 - Joint submission on access to medicines. [Here](#)
 - Joint submission on harm reduction and prisons to the OHCHR. [Here](#)
 - Joint submission on harm reduction and prisons to the SR on health. [Here](#)

These last two submissions were used by the office and the SR in their reports, see:

- OHCHR report on human rights challenges related to the world drug problem. (Link [Here](#))
- SR health report on harm reduction. (link [Here](#).) There will be a second report to UNGA addressing more issues, but this is a good start and a good approach to the issue. It's well framed, with an intersectional approach; analyses how drug control has led to negative outcomes in terms of human rights violations. On health, it recognises that drug use is not always problematic and harm reduction involves not only interventions but also policies and practices; on prisons specifically, it addresses prison population as marginalised and underserved and harm reduction as a central part of the right to health. It pays quite a lot of attention to privacy and confidentiality. It also makes strong recommendations, though some topics deserve more development. Prisons are one of them; humanitarian settings is another one, but they will likely be covered in the next UNGA report.

The report also mentions meaningful participation of people who use drugs in policymaking, that could be a good entry point to further address participation of patients.

- Consider adding participation of patients and prisoners among the suggested recommendations
- Another submission will be sent tomorrow to SR health on harm reduction. Jointly with EPLN and UNMODE
 - New info emerging on methadone in Kherson.
 - Not a lot of space to include but we could add as an annex

I. 56 Human Rights Council.

- b. Agenda and programme [here](#).
- c. Organisational meeting [here](#).
- d. New platform for events registration, including side events, oral and written statements. [Here](#)
- e. Online technical demonstration of the registration platform EVENTS for NGOS. 31 May 11.00 CET. Registration [here](#)
- f. Oral statement application opens Tuesday 11 June at 2 pm. Info [here](#)
- g. HRI will be in Geneva the week from the 24 -27 June.

- i.ID with the SR on health is on 26 June
- ii.Presentation of the SR on Health's report side event on the morning of 26 June. HRI in Geneva so will apply for statement as well as intervention at side event
- iii.
- iv.HIV resolution (draft no shared yet). HRI in contact with delegations.
- v.Event of the CGDP
- vi.ID on oral presentation of High Commissioner on Ukraine and interim report on Secretary Gral on human rights in Crimea. Report is not out yet but we can coordinate for a statement in case of interest
- Dmitri based in GVA, is planning now whether and how to engage
- HRI will circulate a briefing on HRC opportunities, hopefully late next week

II.AOB.

- a. WHO conference?
 - i.focused on mental health
 - ii.Meeting next week of EPLN members to discuss a common position on mental health in prison
 - iii.EPLN also hoping for a meeting with WHO mental health desk to further discuss approach
- b. HWB conference? Lisbon conference, would like to have representative(s) of the consortium. HRI thinking of submitting an abstract, but also trying to figure out how otherwise we could fit in the program
- c. Fadi invited to next call to discuss further
- d. GSHR chapter on prisons. (launch in november)
- e. HRI working on the next Global State of Harm Reduction which will be published in Oct/Nov, there will be a dedicated chapter on prisons. We sent a survey on harm reduction and prisons and are collecting info.
- f. **Next UN advocacy Call 23 August at 10 UK time** to coordinate around HRC57. There will be interpretation