Monday, 17 February 2020

13:30 - 15:00  Geneva Summit Opening Session 
Room VIII, Palais des Nations

Welcome 
Hillel Neuer, Executive Director of UN Watch, on behalf of Geneva Summit co-sponsors

Opening Address 
Diego Arria, Advocate for Venezuelan human rights, former Ambassador to UN & President of Security Council

Remarks from Geneva Summit Speakers

- Jewher Ilham, Author, rights activist, and daughter of Uyghur scholar sentenced to life in prison for promoting peace
- Dennis Chau, Rights activist and son of Vietnamese political prisoner
- Dr. Elham Manea, Professor of Middle East affairs and family spokesperson for Raif Badawi
- Biram Dah Abeid, Leader of the fight against slavery in Mauritania
- Shaparak Shajarizadeh, Iranian activist imprisoned for removing headscarf in defiance of hijab law
- Memory Banda, Leading Malawian rights activist fighting to end child marriage
- Peter Bhatti, Brother of Pakistani Minister who was assassinated for supporting Asia Bibi
- Yang Jianli, Chinese dissident, former political prisoner, Tiananmen Square massacre survivor and President of Initiatives for China

15:00  End of UN Opening