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**The Permanent Missions of
Germany, Australia, Morocco and Chile**
jointly with the
**International Coordinating Committee of National Human
Rights Institutions**

will co-host a Side-Event
at the 60th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of
Women on
***Demonstrating the value of NHRI participation in the
Commission on the Status of Women***

Date: Tuesday, 15 March 2016

Time: 4:45 – 6pm

Venue: CR-A (UNHQ)

National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) play a key role in the international human rights system. Established by governments, yet operating independently, they are unique institutions established to monitor, report on and support efforts for the implementation of UN commitments and recommendations. In their cooperation with the UN, NHRIs enrich the human rights debate and contribute to ensuring the international sphere responds to human rights situations on the ground. The UN strongly encourages States to establish NHRIs that comply with the Paris Principles (a resolution adopted by the General Assembly in 1993).

The event will engage State Ministers and A-status NHRIs from around the globe in a demonstration of the value of NHRI participation at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Paris Principle compliant (or A-status) NHRIs will share examples of how their organisations have enhanced the work of the CSW through the empowerment of women and girls. Following on from the General Assembly Resolution on national human rights institutions (A/RES/70/163) of 2015 the event will consider how measures or processes can be established to strengthen the independent participation of NHRIs at CSW.

How can CSW strengthen NHRI participation to enhance the collective effort to promote, protect and respect gender equality and women's and girls' human rights?

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