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INVITATION

To the attention of visiting Legal Advisers and Sixth Committee experts

Criminal Accountability of UN Officials and Experts on Mission: Presentation of an Independent Comparative Study

Wednesday, 25 October 2017, 1.15 - 2.45 p.m.

at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN (633 3rd Ave, New York, 29th floor)

The event is intended to shed light on the recent **independent study by the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (SICL) on National Legal Frameworks Governing Criminal Accountability for Offences Committed Abroad and/or on UN Missions**. For the purposes of its comparative study, the SICL examined the legal systems of twenty representative states. This study provides an additional angle to the report of the Secretary-General (A/72/126) containing a compilation of all information received from member states since 2007 on how they exercise jurisdiction over their nationals who serve as UN officials or experts on mission. The SICL also examined whether potential gaps in national legislations could be closed by a new international convention, as recommended in the 2006 report of the Group of Legal Experts (A/60/980). The Secretary-General has repeatedly urged Member States to conclude the discussion on the adoption of such a convention in order to ensure justice, including for victims of sexual exploitation and abuses. The study conducted by the SICL will help advance discussions on this issue in the Sixth Committee.

Moderator: H.E. Ambassador **Jürg Lindenmann**, Deputy Director, Directorate of International Law, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

Panelists: Dr. **Johanna Fournier**, Legal Adviser, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law
Mr. **John Curran**, Legal Adviser, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law,
Mr. **Larry D. Johnson**, Adjunct Professor, Columbia Law School

A light lunch will be served.

Please RSVP to Ms Gabriela Potts (gabriela.potts@eda.admin.ch) as soon as possible in order to secure access to the Swiss Mission. Due to space constraints it is limited to one person per delegation.