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Connectivity between regional and
global human rights mechanisms

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CONCEPT NOTE

WORKING GROUP 4

Right to health and human rights: How do regional and global human rights mechanisms address the Right to Health?

Maison de la Paix (Pétale 5), Thursday 15 October 2020, 14:00 – 15:30
Public investment in well-functioning health systems is key for countries to manage the COVID-19 crisis. Aside of general availability and affordability of the health system, essential questions are non-discriminatory access to health care, services and information, and specific prevention and protection measures for at-risk groups. A human rights-based approach to health, i.e. the realization of the highest attainable standard of health, can guide states in the design of their health system and the provision of public health. The pandemic also made clear the importance of the social determinants of health and of the interdependence and indivisibility of human rights in shaping a holistic response to the crisis and the path to sustainable recovery programs that should address increased inequalities at all levels and strengthen the functioning of public protection systems.

Relevant questions for this panel include the following: How do global and regional human rights mechanisms weigh into this debate? What is their role in monitoring States’ obligations to realize the right to health? And how detailed should their recommendations be? How can they link best to the National Human Rights Systems and national health actors? How can they link best to national health systems and public/private actors? How can they support rapid interventions in health-crisis? How can they contribute to post-pandemic recovery programs to combat inequalities that were made evident during the crisis?

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