

Culminating months of intensive negotiations, the General Assembly voted to set up a new Human Rights Council on Wednesday, the 15th of March.

The Department of Public Information and the Office of the President of the General Assembly invite you to an informal meeting on the Human Rights Council on Wednesday, the 22nd of March from 10 :30am to 12 :30pm in Conference Room 6.

Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, President of the General Assembly

Statements by Mr. Kenneth Roth, President of Human Rights Watch, Ms. Yvonne Terlingen, Representative to the UN for Amnesty International, Craig Mokhiber, Deputy Director for the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Rachel Groux, Counsellor for the President of the General Assembly.

The session will be moderated by Mr. Ramu Damodaran, Chief of the Civil Society Service of the Department of Public Information and Ms. Shamina de Gonzaga, Special Adviser on NGO relations for the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

The meeting will be webcast live on the UN site : <http://www.un.org/webcast>