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## 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council

### Side event

26 September 2022, 12:00-13:00, Room XXV

### **UN body-created investigation mandates: should the road ahead lead to a standing, permanent solution?**

Around the world, impunity has been the rule and not the exception in situations involving the worst human rights atrocities. Without effective accountability, the protective reach of human rights law becomes meaningless, as victims of violations and abuses are denied justice.

As UN bodies continue to create new mandates in a largely piecemeal manner for only certain situations, the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and the University of Oxford invite you to a side event during the 51<sup>st</sup> regular session of the UN Human Rights Council to discuss the road ahead.

#### **Panel discussion**

Opening remarks: **Ambassador Kurt Jäger**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Moderator: **Sam Zarifi**, Secretary General, ICJ

Panel:

- **Catherine Marchi-Uhel Head**, International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism – Syria (IIIM)
- **Amb. Stephen Rapp**, Visiting Fellow of Practice, University of Oxford
- **Kingsley Abbott**, Director of Global Accountability and International Justice, ICJ
- **Federica D'Alessandra**, Deputy Director, Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict
- **Simon Walker**, Chief, Rule of Law and Democracy Section, OHCHR

To contribute towards the discussion, the ICJ will release a report: *Options for the establishment of a Standing Independent Investigative Mechanism (SIIM)*.

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