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Geneva Call, with the support of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs,
cordially invites you to a panel discussion on

Verifying Compliance with the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban: Geneva Call's Experience with Armed Non-State Actors

**Friday, 3 December 2010
13:00 – 15:00
Room XXV, Palais des Nations, Geneva**

In recent years, there have been an increasing number of international missions to monitor the implementation of international humanitarian law during situations of internal armed conflict and verify allegations of violations. Geneva Call's experience in engaging armed non-State actors (NSAs) on the landmine ban indicate that NSAs can not only be persuaded to make humanitarian commitments, but can also be actively involved in the process of monitoring and verifying their compliance. This event will provide an opportunity to share recent relevant developments to the mine ban community. Significantly, in November 2009, Geneva Call was able to carry out a verification mission in the Philippines - funded by the Kingdom of Belgium - with the agreement and cooperation of both the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

The event will also reflect on other experiences, ways and mechanisms to investigate allegations of violations of humanitarian undertakings. Although the discussion will focus on the verification of NSAs' compliance, it is anticipated that it will include a broader consideration of monitoring and fact-finding processes.

Taking place as a side event during the 10th Meeting of States Parties to the Mine Ban Convention (10MSP), this panel discussion will gather representatives of the diplomatic community (in particular members of delegations of States Parties at the 10MSP), mine action/disarmament actors and members of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

A light lunch will be served.

Welcome Address:

Ambassador Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Conference of Disarmament

Panelists:

Col. Leonidas Hidalgo, Armed Forces of the Philippines

Prof. Eric David, International Humanitarian Fact Finding Commission

Mr. Chris Rush, Geneva Call

This event is the third of a series, organized by Geneva Call with the support of the Swiss Federal Department for Foreign Affairs, on the issue of humanitarian engagement with NSAs. The earlier panel discussions took place in New York in July and in Brussels in October 2010 (see the summary reports on www.genevacall.org).

Please note that access to the UN premises is required to participate. Should you have any questions about the event, please contact Mr. Reno Meyer at +41 22 8799437 or rmeyer@genevacall.org.