

Hearing of the Foreign Affairs Committee on Dalits and Caste Discrimination

Wednesday 24 September 2008 at 9.00 – 12.00
Landstingssalen, Parliament of Denmark, Christiansborg Palace

- 08.30 - 09.00** Arrival and registration of participants
- 09.00 - 09.05** **Welcoming address and introduction**
by Mr. Karsten Lauritzen, Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee
- Part I** **Review of the complex of problems related to the situation of the Dalits**
- 09.10 - 09.15** **Film presentation: "I'm Dalit, how are you?"**
- 09.15 - 09.35** **The situation of the Dalits in India viewed in a broad human rights perspective, focus on legislation, exemption from prosecution and political will**
by Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Director of People's Watch, India
- 09.35 - 09.55** **The situation of the Dalits in Nepal – prospects in a new political reality**
by Ms. Durga Sob, President of the Feminist Dalit Organisation, Nepal
- 09.55 - 10.15** Questions and answers
- 10.15 -10.45** Coffee break
- Part II** **The role of the international community**
- 10.45 -11.05** **Corporate sector responsibility - The fight against Caste Discrimination in the labour market**
By Prof. Ashwini Deshpande, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
- 11.05 – 11.25** **Current status and perspectives for UN's involvement in the issue of Caste Discrimination - UN Principles and Guidelines for Elimination of Discrimination based on Work and Descent**
by Prof. Chin-Sung Chung, Vice-Chair of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee
- 11.25 – 11.50** Questions and debate
- 11.50 – 12.00** **Closing of the hearing,**
by Mr. Karsten Lauritzen, Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee

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