

INFORMATION MEETING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE 13TH UPR SESSION:

Follow up to the UPR: Caste discrimination in India and the UK

**RECAPPING THE OUTCOME OF THE UPR AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION AT THE NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**

25 May 2012, 2-3 pm, Palais des Nations (Room XXV)

Organisers

The International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism and the Minority Rights Group International in association with the International Dalit Solidarity Network, National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights (India) and the Dalit Solidarity Network UK

Purpose

On 24 May India and the United Kingdom of Great Britain (UK) will be reviewed by the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism. The aim of this information meeting is to recap the outcome of these UPRs, with a thematic focus on caste discrimination as a human rights concern affecting both countries – although the problems are very different in scope and nature. In India, there are 167 million Dalits (according to government statistics in 2001), whereas it is estimated that at least 250.000 Dalits live in the UK.

At the event, speakers will share their views on the observations and recommendations expressed by states during the Universal Periodic Reviews of India and the UK, and reflect on the follow-up action needed at the national and international level to ensure that the UPR recommendations are implemented.

Panelists

INDIA:

- Mr. Paul Divakar, NCDHR
- Ms. Manjula Pradeep, Navsarjan Trust
- Mr. Satish Kumar, NCDHR

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN:

- Ms. Meena Varma, Dalit Solidarity Network UK
- Mr. Vijay Begraj
- Mr. Jeremy Corbyn, UK Member of Parliament

Drinks and refreshments will be offered before the event