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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Geneva Office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation cordially invite you to a parallel event to the 7th session of the Human Rights Council on

Challenges of Irregular Migration

National delegations, United Nations staff members, NGOs, National Human Rights Institutions and trade unions are invited to discuss the particularities of irregular migration, its causes and consequences for human rights and social development, as well as possibilities to regularize and steer the flows of migration. The roundtable will attempt to address the protection of the human rights of irregular migrants, with particular attention to the following questions:

- What are the main challenges for sending, transit and receiving countries?
- How can irregular migrants be better informed of their rights to ensure their protection?
- How can irregular migration be channeled or transformed into flows of regular migration, through, inter alia, regularization programs?
- How can the mechanisms of the United Nations, including the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families and the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants, help to protect and promote the human rights of irregular migrants?

Thursday, 6 March 2008, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Palais des Nations, Room XXVII

Welcome

- **Türkan Karakurt** – *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung*
- **Carla Edelenbos** – *Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Moderation

- **Jorge Bustamante** – *UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants*

Speakers

- **Maggy Lee** – *University of Essex*
- **Ibrahim Awad** – *International Labour Organization*
- **Ruth Weinzierl** – *German Institute for Human Rights*

☞ Sandwiches and light refreshments will be provided ☞