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WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

9.00-9.30	<i>Welcome coffee</i>		
9.30-12.00	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY		
	<p>CEDI Ms. Nada Youssef A. Al Nashif, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights Panel discussion with family members of disappeared persons High-level segment (pledges): States, partners and institutions</p>		
12.00-13.30	<i>Lunch break – guests only</i>		
13.30-15.30	Panel – Amphi D <i>Sponsored by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)</i> The fight against impunity: ensuring international accountability of perpetrators of enforced disappearance	Panel – P. E Connecting victims and CSOs to United Nations mechanisms: how to foster effective engagement	Panel – P. F <i>Co-sponsored by the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) and ACAT France</i> Advocacy towards universal ratification: successful strategies
15.30-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16.00-18.00	Panel – Amphi D <i>Sponsored by the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT)</i> Empowering victims of enforced disappearance: guaranteeing their rights and providing multifaceted support	Panel – P. E <i>Sponsored by the Paris Bar</i> Legal tools against impunity: understanding and exercising universal jurisdiction	Panel – P. F <i>Sponsored by the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)</i> The role of art in the struggle for justice



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THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

9.00-10.30	<p>Panel – Amphi D</p> <p>Strengthening search processes: key lessons and pathways for effective search</p>	<p>Panel – P. E</p> <p>Children as victims of enforced disappearances</p>	<p>Panel – P. F</p> <p><i>Sponsored by CCFD-Terre Solidaire</i></p> <p>Enforced disappearance in the context of migration</p>	<p>Workshop – S. 6</p> <p>Work on regional roadmaps: identifying key priorities</p>
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>			
11.00-12.30	<p>Panel – Amphi D</p> <p><i>Co-sponsored by the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH), the Global Initiative Against Impunity (GIAI) and Reporters Without Borders (RSF)</i></p> <p>Protecting victims, defenders and professionals, including lawyers and journalists</p>	<p>Panel – P. E</p> <p>The case for ratification and implementation of the Convention: why all States are concerned – A learning exchange</p>	<p>Panel – P. F</p> <p><i>Sponsored by the International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP)</i></p> <p>The impact of enforced disappearance on women</p>	<p>Workshop – S. 6</p> <p>Setting up an international youth network – Kick off session</p>
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch break – guests only</i>			
14.00-16.00	<p>CLOSING CEREMONY</p> <p>Implementing the proposed Action Plan: ways forward for 2025-2028</p>			
16.00-16.45	<i>Goodbye coffee</i>			