

Information meeting on the UPR process in Spain

THE RIGHT TO PROTEST IN SPAIN

Tuesday, 21th January 2020

12:30 – 2 pm. | Room XXIV, Palais de Nations

Opening remarks. **KARLOS CASTILLA**, *Human Rights Institute of Catalonia*

Speakers:

- The Spanish case compared to other Euro-Mediterranean countries. **LUBNA DAWANY**, *EuroMed Rights*.
- The Spanish case from a European perspective. **GIADA NEGRI**, *European Civic Forum*.
- Current situation of the right to protest in Spain. **CRISTINA SERVÁN**, *Defender a quien Defiende (DqD)*.
- The right to protest in Spanish Courts. **ANAÏS FRANQUESA** *International Trial Watch*.
- The situation in Catalonia and experience as an affected organization. **ELENA JIMÉNEZ**, *Òmnium Cultural*.

Questions

Closing remarks. *Human Rights Institute of Catalonia*

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL SIDE EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE OF CATALONIA

The event focuses on the rights to freedom of expression, assembly and association (The right to protest), which relates to the report submitted by the platform *Defender a quien Defiende (DqD)* as a contribution to Spain's Universal Periodic Review (UPR), which is going to take place on January 22nd.

The aim of the event is to provide a global vision of the regression of these fundamental rights in the Euro-Mediterranean region in order to identify how this impacts the role of civil society in the permanent work of promotion and defence of human rights. While the event will focus specifically on Spain, situations experienced in the Maghreb and Mashreq countries are also going to be analysed. The goal is to generate an exhaustive diagnostic of the current situation and new proposals that can be presented to the Spanish State in order to prevent future violations of human rights that civil society is currently suffering in Spain.

