## Freedom of Conscience in Europe and its Protection under International Law





To what extent is the right to freedom of conscience protected in Europe, particularly within the medical profession? Does the right to conscientious objection from military service – recognized by the United Nations and the European Court of Human Rights – apply to other areas of life? And what are the limits to freedom of conscience? This Side Event will address all of these questions and more. We will hear from experts in international human rights law, as well as a midwife currently engaged in a court battle over the right to freedom of conscience. After the presentations there will be a time for questions & answers and further discussion.

## **Moderator**

Mr. Rubén Navarro, LLM - Director of UN Advocacy-Geneva, ADF International



## **Speakers**

Mr. Paul Coleman, LLM - Legal Counsel, Director of UN Advocacy, ADF International

Mrs. Ruth Nordström, LLB - President, Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers

Mrs. Ellinor Grimmark - Swedish Midwife, client in the case of Grimmark v. Jönköping County Council

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Refreshments will be provided.
French translation will be available throughout the side event.

Thursday 12th March 2015 15.00 - 16.30 Palais des Nations, Room VII