

## How to Promote Human Rights through EU Trade Policies?

### *The Role of Civil Society, Businesses and Beneficiary Countries in the GSP+*

**28 November 2018**

*Stanhope Hotel, Rue du Commerce 9, 1000 Bruxelles*

8:30 – 9:00 **Welcome coffee and registration**

9:00 - 9:10 **Welcome:** Democracy Reporting International

9:10 – 9:30 **Opening remarks:**

*Chiara Adamo, Head of Unit, DG DEVCO, European Commission*

*Heike Litzinger, Head of Unit, Trade Policy, German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development*

Panel Sessions will be moderated by

*Colette van del Ver, Director, Trade and Development, Pro Bono Program at Sidley Austin LLP*

9:30 – 10:45 **Panel session 1: Challenges and opportunities of the GSP+**

*Walter Van Hattum, Coordinator GSP Trade Preferences, DG TRADE, European Commission*

*Anis Haroon, Member of National Human Rights Commission of Pakistan*

*Octavio Gomes, General Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Communities, Cape Verde*

*Benedict M. Uy, Director, Trade and Investment Center, Embassy of the Philippines*

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Panel session 2: The role of businesses in the GSP+**

*Rudi Delarue, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Employment, European Commission*

*Stuart Newman, Senior Legal Advisor, AMFORI*

*Georgios Altintzis, Trade Policy Officer, ITUC*

12:30 **Lunch**

13:30-14:45 **Panel session 3: The role of civil society in the GSP+**

*Lenka Vitkova, Team Leader Human Rights, DG DEVCO, European Commission*

*Marina Ayvazyan, Programs Development Manager, Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenia*

*Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu, Executive Director, Center for Policy Alternatives, Sri Lanka*

*Radboud Reijn, Coordinator, GSP Platform*

14:45-15:45 **Discussion in plenary, Q&A**

15:45-16:15 **Closing remarks**

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