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Michael Cashman
Michael Cashman CBE is the Labour Member of the European Parliament for the West Midlands (UK). He is currently the Chair of the Delegation for relations with South Africa. He has been an active campaigner for equality and is a trenchant critic of any form of discrimination, a defender of human rights and has worked tirelessly to end discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. He was awarded a CBE in the 2012 New Year Honour’s list for his work in fighting for equality. Michael also had a distinguished career as an actor and singer.

Dima Yared
Dima Yared is a human rights officer at the OHCHR Regional office for Europe (ROE) in Brussels. Prior to joining ROE, she worked in OHCHR headquarters in Geneva where she was assisting the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. Previously, she worked on the Universal Periodical Review as well as within the Rule of Law section at OHCHR, and at an NGO engaging armed non-state actors on the involvement of children in armed conflict.

Ebale Zam Martin Paul
As a 19-year old dancer from Cameroon, he was discovered by Jack Deck, director of La Francophonie. Zam is an experimental dancer, using contemporary African music. He and his company “Nyanga Danse” have toured the world and have received multiple awards in Europe and Africa. Respect for human rights always plays a vital role in his dance performances.

Carlos Jimenez
Mr. Carlos Jimenez is a Desk Officer at the United Nations Regional Information Centre in Brussels. Mr. Jimenez started his career at the United Nations in 1984 and has since worked at UN offices in New York, Madrid and Geneva. He studied journalism at the School of Communications of American University in Washington and was a correspondent at EFE, Spanish News Agency.

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