

Report of Michel Monod Second Representative to the UN Council on Human Rights in Geneva

Thank you for the confidence you put on me as Representative of IFOR in the UN Council on Human Rights in Geneva. I have access to the Palais des Nations with the accreditation of IFOR. I must admit I do not follow all the sessions and do not participate to all the working groups open to NGOs. It would need a full time job.

In September 2009 I made an oral statement at the 10. session under point 3 of the agenda on Civil and Political Rights. I reminded the Council of the arbitrary detention of Conscientious Objectors in Korea, Turkey and Israël. We are very few organisations speaking on this issue.

In December I attended a working group of the Council on the Human Rights to peace. I claimed for the right to peace for civilians.

More recently I made an oral statement on alternative civilian service for Cos. It is often written in the constitution of the states but not confirmed in a law and not implemented in practice. This is the case in many countries.

My interventions focus on Conscientious objection thanks to the information I get from War Resisters International, from European Bureau for Conscientious Objection and from Human Rights without Frontiers. This is a narrow subject but I have no competence in other subjects.