Program “25th Anniversary of the Halabja Massacre: Recognition as a Tool to Prevent Genocide”

Monday, 18 March 2013, 13.00 - 17.00

Nieuwsport - Lange Poten 10, The Hague

13: 30 – Opening statement

- Mr. Marino Busdachin, Secretary General UNPO

13.45 – Panel I: The Halabja Massacre: 25 years later

- 25th Commemoration of the Halabja Massacre
  Mr. Bakir Lashkari, Halabja Committee & Foundation Halabja Monument

- Kurdish advocacy on Genocide recognition
  Mr. Latif Tali, Federatie Koerden in Nederland (FedKom) (Dutch)

- Mr. Keywan Faramarzi, Komala (Dutch)

- The Halabja and Anfal Operation: the causes and consequences & the role of the international community. (Dutch)
  Dr. Mariwan Kanie, University of Amsterdam

Q&A

15.15 – Panel II: The Necessity to Recognize Genocide in the Netherlands

- Differences between the legal definition of genocide and genocide in the public imagination
  Prof. mr. dr. H. van der Willt, expert in Genocide studies

- Passions and expects of the People of Halabja 25 years after the genocide
  Mr. Abdollah Hejab, Representative of the Iranian Kurdistan and member of the UNPO Presidency

- Dutch country visits to chemical attacks locations
  Mr. Khass Naseri, expert on religious minorities in Kurdistan

- Personal message of the governor of Halabja (read out)

- Achieving political recognition of genocide
  Drs. Harry van Bommel, Member of the Dutch Parliament (SP)

Q&A

17:00 Conference Close