





## **PRESS RELEASE**

# Commissioner for Human Rights Dunja Mijatović, the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and Cartooning for Peace present a preview of the exhibition "Human rights – still some way to go"

Paris, 10 December 2018 – On the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Cartooning for Peace, an international network of newspaper cartoonists, has joined with the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Dunja Mijatović, and the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs to stage a travelling exhibition called "Human rights – still some way to go".

"The exhibition highlights the founding principle that we are all born free and equal in dignity and rights. It invites visitors to give practical effect to the vision of hope, freedom and universalism conveyed by the Universal Declaration," said Commissioner Mijatović. "The exhibition cartoons also pay tribute to all those fighting on the front line to protect human rights".

With 30 newspaper cartoons, the exhibition reminds us of the relevance of the Universal Declaration against a background in which its values and principles are currently under serious threat.

The preview of the Cartooning for Peace exhibition will take place on 10 December 2018, International Human Rights Day, at the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs in Paris.



### **KEY POINTS**

• Beginning of a partnership between Cartooning for Peace and the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

• Preview on 10 December 2018 at the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

• Travelling exhibition as from 2019, including Strasbourg

• 31 panels with drawings by international cartoonists who are members of Cartooning for Peace

• Publication entitled "*Les Droits de l'Homme, c'est pour quand*?" ("Human rights – still some way to go"), with a preface by Christiane Taubira, former French Minister for Justice, Cartooning for Peace collection, Éditions Gallimard

#### **Cartooning for Peace**

Set up in 2006 on the initiative of Kofi Annan, Nobel Prize for Peace winner and former UN Secretary General, and the cartoonist, Plantu, Cartooning for Peace is an international network of cartoonists committed to promoting freedom of expression, human rights and mutual respect between peoples of different cultures and beliefs through the universal language of newspaper cartoons.

#### www.cartooningforpeace.org

#### **Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights**

Established in 1999, the Commissioner for Human Rights is an independent non-judicial institution whose task is to promote awareness of and respect for human rights in the 47 Council of Europe member states. The current Commissioner, Dunja Mijatović, took up office on 1 April 2018 following her election by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

The Council of Europe is Europe's leading organisation defending human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

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The exhibition is being staged by Cartooning for Peace, thanks to the generous support of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights and the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.



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