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WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

9.00-9.30	<i>Welcome coffee</i>		
9.30-12.00	OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY		
	<p>CEDI Mr. Volker Türk, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Panel discussion with family members of disappeared persons High-level segment (pledges): States, partners and institutions</p>		
12.00-13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
13.30-15.30	<p>Panel – Amphi D</p> <p><i>Sponsored by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)</i></p> <p>The fight against impunity: ensuring international accountability of perpetrators of enforced disappearance</p>	<p>Panel – P. E</p> <p>Connecting victims and CSOs to United Nations mechanisms: how to foster effective engagement</p>	<p>Panel – P. F</p> <p><i>Co-sponsored by the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) and ACAT France</i></p> <p>Advocacy towards universal ratification: successful strategies</p>
15.30-16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
16.00-18.00	<p>Panel – Amphi D</p> <p><i>Sponsored by the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT)</i></p> <p>Empowering victims of enforced disappearance: guaranteeing their rights and providing multifaceted support</p>	<p>Panel – P. E</p> <p><i>Sponsored by the Paris Bar</i></p> <p>Legal tools against impunity: understanding and exercising universal jurisdiction</p>	<p>Panel – P. F</p> <p><i>Sponsored by the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)</i></p> <p>The role of art in the struggle for justice</p>



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THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

9.00-10.30	Panel – Amphi D Strengthening search processes: key lessons and pathways for effective search	Panel – P. E Children as victims of enforced disappearances	Panel – P. F <i>Sponsored by CCFD-Terre Solidaire</i> Enforced disappearance in the context of migration	Workshop – S. 6 Work on regional roadmaps: identifying key priorities
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>			
11.00-12.30	Panel – Amphi D <i>Co-sponsored by the International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH), the Global Initiative Against Impunity (GIAI) and Reporters Without Borders (RSF)</i> Protecting victims, defenders and professionals, including lawyers and journalists	Panel – P. E The case for ratification and implementation of the Convention: why all States are concerned – A learning exchange	Panel – P. F <i>Sponsored by the International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP)</i> The impact of enforced disappearance on women	Workshop – S. 6 Setting up an international youth network – Kick off session
12.30-14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>			
14.00-16.00	CLOSING CEREMONY Implementing the proposed Action Plan: ways forward for 2025-2028			
16.00-16.45	<i>Goodbye coffee</i>			