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Thursday 16 March 2017, 3 - 5 pm

Room XXIII (23)

Palais des Nations, Geneva

The Independence of the Legal Profession

Keynote speaker:

- **Diego García-Sayán, Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers**

Panelists:

- **Khalid Baghirov, lawyer (Azerbaijan)**
- **Ayse Bingol Demir, lawyer (Turkey)**
- **Michel Togué, lawyer (Cameroon)**

The panelists will share their experiences, obstacles faced by members of the legal profession in their respective countries, and possible ways to improve the safety of lawyers who work in challenging contexts.

To register (for those without annual or temporary passes, until 12 March 2017): S.deGraaf@lawyersforlawyers.nl

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