

Side event of the 74th session of the Executive Committee

50 years since the coup in Chile and 40 years since the return to democracy in Argentina: the institution of refugee protection in the recent history of the Southern Cone

Moderated by

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Speakers:

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Ms. Alejandra Fischer Telias, Expert Migration Lawyer, Senate of Chile

H.E. Ambassador Federico Villegas, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations Office at Geneva

H.E. Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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During the 1970s and 1980s, Argentina, Brazil and Chile experienced a rupture in their democratic orders with repression and persecution at the hands of military juntas that displaced tens of thousands of their nationals, many of whom sought asylum in other Latin American countries, such as Mexico. With the subsequent return to democracy, these countries have championed human rights and refugee protection. In a year of multiple commemorations, the event will focus on the solid refugee regime that today characterizes the Southern Cone, based on the respective national experiences of the past.



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08:30-09:45

Palais des Nations, Room XXII

Refreshments will be served outside of the room prior to the event.
Interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be provided.

