

# Returning Refugees: Extradition to Torture

## *Out of the Pot and Into the Fire*

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### Panel and Roundtable Discussion

5 FEBRUARY 2010  
09h30 – 13h30

Sala delle Colonne della Camera dei Deputati  
in via Poli n°19 – Rome

In light of the recent cases of extradition of particular concern to the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO), including the cases of refugees who have been forcibly returned to countries where they are likely to face persecution and harsh treatment, a conference on the topic of non-refoulement will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> February prior to the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the UNPO Presidency in Rome.

During the month of December 2009, at least 20 Uyghurs were forcibly returned to China from Cambodia, 14 Khmer-Krom refugees were deported back to Cambodia by the Thai police and the government of Thailand forcibly repatriated over 4,000 Lao Hmong to Laos. The individuals concerned face significant threats of torture and in some cases the death penalty.

Representatives from UNPO members including the Uyghurs of East Turkestan, the Khmer Krom and the Hmong will be invited to discuss the urgent situation affecting individuals from their respective regions. Members of the Nonviolent Radical Party and the delegation of Radical MPs in the Democratic Party Group in the Italian Parliament will speak on international and Italian obligations of non-refoulement.

Participants will be invited to address the ways to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees and the enforceability of non-refoulement under international humanitarian law, as well as the role of the UNPO in cases of extradition. The conference will also consider the relevance of topical issues including stateless persons' refugee rights.

Simultaneous translation between English and Italian will be available.

**Active Participation, discussion and questions  
warmly welcomed.**



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**9.30- 9.40 Introduction** Senator Marco Perduca

**9.45-11.15 Non-refoulement as a Cornerstone of International Law**

**Chair:** the Hon. Matteo Mecacci, MP, Human Right Rapporteur for the OSCE  
Parliamentary Assembly

Ms Maysing Yang, UNPO Vice President

Mr Jurgen Humburg, UNHCR

Dr David Donat-Cattin Parliamentarians for Global Action (TBC)

Questions from the floor

**11.15-11.30 Coffee Break**

**11.30- 12.45 Deportations in December – Recent Case Studies**

**Chair:** Mr Marino Busdachin, UNPO General Secretary

Mr Dolkun Isa, General Secretary of the World Uyghur Congress

Mr Thach Thach, President of Khmer Kampuchea-Krom Federation

Mr Anthony Lee, Vice president of Congress of World Hmong People

Mr Kok Ksor, President of the Montagnard Foundation, Inc

Mr Nfor Ngala Nfor, Southern Cameroons National Council

Mr Abdirahman Mahdi Ogaden National Liberation Front

Statement from Mr Ngawang Choephel, UNPO Geneva Representative

**12.45 - 13.30-Non-refoulement in the context of Italy and Europe**

Hon. Jean-Leonard Touadi, MP

Senator Emma Bonino, Vice President of the Italian Senate (TBC)

**Closing Remarks** Mr Marino Busdachin, UNPO General Secretary