

**STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE GLOBAL CAMPAIGN
FOR RATIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ON MIGRANTS RIGHTS**

**Panel Presentation to be Held as a Parallel Event to the 59th Session of the
United Nations Commission on Human Rights**

Entry into force of the UN Convention on migrants rights

1. Main Goals

- Recalling the importance of a comprehensive United Nations instrument for the protection of migrants' human rights.
- Entry into force as the beginning of the next phase, need for universalization.
- Positive concrete impact of coming into force in regard to migrants' rights and experiences.

2. Content issues to be promoted

- Highlight need for establishing legal protection for migrants in national law, especially in the context of increased exploitation prevalent under globalization.
- Highlight the Convention as a key foundation for national policy and practice on migration.

3. Speakers

- Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (to be confirmed)
- Ms. Gabriela Rodriguez, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants
- A Government representative from a State that ratified
- Representative of Migrant Forum in Asia (NGO)

4. Interpretation

Interpretation will be provided in English and Spanish

5. Date and venue

Date: Wednesday, 9 April 2003 from 1:30-2:30pm

Venue: Room XXII, Palais des Nations, Geneva.