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## The need to eradicate Statelessness

*Hearing jointly organised by UNHCR, the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons and the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights*

**14:15 – 15:30**

**9 April, Room 9, Palais de l'Europe**

### *Programme*

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**Welcoming remarks:** Mr Thierry Mariani (France, EPP/CD)  
Chairperson of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced persons

**Introduction by the Moderator:** Mr Boriss Cilevičs (Latvia, SOC)  
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights

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#### **I - Focus on stateless children**

- ✓ **“Overview and challenges”:** Ms Diane Goodman, Deputy Director, UNHCR Bureau for Europe, Geneva
- ✓ **“Country feedback”:** Vice-Prefetto Luigia Contini, Senior Official of the Citizenship Department, Italian Ministry of Interior

#### **Discussion**

**15:00 – 15:30**

#### **II - Good practices - suggested solutions**

- ✓ **“Preventing childhood statelessness in Europe: some issues, gaps and good practices”:** Ms Laura van Waas, Steering Committee member of the European Network on Statelessness (ENS), Manager of the Statelessness Programme, Tilburg Law School, The Netherlands

#### **Discussion**

- ✓ **Conclusions on good practices and challenges:** Mr Mark Manly, Head of UNHCR's Statelessness Unit, Division for International Protection, Geneva