



## **The Mission and Role of the GSIJP NGO Representative in Geneva:**

### **Mission:**

The mission of the GSIJP NGO Representative(s) in Geneva is to amplify Good Shepherd Voice in support of Human Rights implementation. The rights of woman and girls are of special concern according to the congregational direction statement.

### **Responsibilities include:**

1. Participation at sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) reporting on human rights violations related to women and children, human trafficking, migration and poverty.
2. Attendance at UN Conferences, Special UN events and weekly meeting for NGO with the President of the Human Rights Council.
3. Enabling countries where Good Shepherd is present to prepare, contribute and participate in the
  - Universal Periodic Review (UPR) – a rota of every 4/4.5 years
  - Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) 3 sessions annually – 2 in Geneva and 1 in New York.
  - Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) a rota of every 5 years and the Optional Protocol (OP) to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.
  - Committee on Migrant Workers.
4. Collaboration with other NGOs.
5. Communicate and facilitate links with Good Shepherd Networks –JP Contacts, Unit Leaders, Regional NGO Designates and the NY/Vienna offices around Human Rights issues.
6. Plan internships when appropriate
7. Facilitate workshops when requested.
8. Administer office - Files, Budget and Annual Report.

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