FBE Human Rights Commission

30 May 2013.

**AGENDA PAPERS**

**Agenda items**

**1.Lawyers and judges at risk**

**(a)Turkey**

The trial of Turkish lawyers continues**.** A report of the trial observation 28th March is attached separately. The trial resumes on 20th June.

**(b) Colombia**

There has been a number of killings of lawyers between January and March in Colombia (6 in total, 5 of which were from Cali). The Colombia Caravana’s report of the human rights monitoring visit of 42 delegates in August 2013 was published on 21st May and hard copies will be available at the Commission’s meeting. Please see attached electronic version of the report.

**2. Threats to human rights in Europe**

**(a) Closed Material Proceedings – secret courts in the UK**

The UK government is introducing further restrictions on the disclosure of evidence in criminal and civil trials. Critics describe the measures to be introduced in the \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Act 2013 as secret trials, reminiscent of Kafka, and leaves the defendant “**stabbing blindly in the dark” Please see separate attachment entitled Secret Trials.in the UK.**

**(b) Reports from other jurisdictions**

**3. HELP programme**

**4. Any other business**