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Dear Sir, Madam,

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would like to seek the views of relevant stakeholders as specified in the Human Rights Council resolution 51/2 on the World Programme for Human Rights Education, adopted on 6 October 2022.

At operative paragraph 10, the Human Rights Council requested the Office of the High Commissioner to seek the views of States, relevant intergovernmental organizations, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, national human rights institutions, national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up, civil society, and other relevant stakeholders on the target sectors, focus areas or thematic human rights issues for the fifth phase of the World Programme, bearing in mind possible synergies with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other relevant initiatives on human rights education and training, and to submit a report thereon to the Council at its fifty-fourth session (September 2023).

By way of background, it is recalled that the World Programme is an ongoing initiative structured in consecutive phases to advance the implementation of human rights education programmes in all sectors. The first phase (2005-2009) was dedicated to human rights education in primary and secondary school systems. The second phase (2010-2014) focused on human rights education for higher education and on human rights training programmes for teachers and educators, civil servants, law enforcement officials and military personnel at all levels. The third phase (2015-2019) aimed to strengthen implementation of the first two phases and promote human rights training for media professionals and journalists. The fourth phase (2020-2024) focuses on human rights education for youth.

In accordance with the above-mentioned Human Rights Council resolution 51/2, the Office of the High Commissioner is now soliciting views on the possible focus for the fifth phase of the World Programme to begin on 1 January 2025 and in particular:

- (1) *the target sectors* (e.g. a professional group, a group of rights holders, the general public, etc.);
- (2) *focus areas or thematic human rights issues* (e.g. a specific right, a group of rights or a global issue of particular importance for the protection and promotion of human rights).

The Office of the High Commissioner would also appreciate receiving information on the reason for suggesting a specific target sector, focus area or thematic issue.

All responses should be sent to the Methodology, Education and Training Section at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (e-mail: ohchr-registry@un.org, copy: ohchr-wphre@un.org) no later than 31 May 2023.

All documentation and other information related to the World Programme for Human Rights Education is available on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner at the following site:
<https://www.ohchr.org/en/resources/educators/human-rights-education-training/world-programme-human-rights-education>

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,



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