

Pledge submitted by ACT Alliance - Action by Churches Together to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat December 2023

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Pledging entity: ACT Alliance - Action by Churches Together, DanChurchAid, Denmark, Act

Church of Sweden, Sweden, HEKS/EPER, Switzerland Felm, Finland

Location: Switzerland

PLEDGE NUMBER 1: We commit to promote civic space, counter backlashes on gender equality, and defend human rights, in national, regional, and global spaces. We increase diverse participation, including youth, in global and regional policy making spaces, to ensure grassroots voices can access international human rights mechanisms, and advocate to Member states to adopt and enforce laws that protect human rights of women and girls in all their diversity and prevent discrimination, all forms of violence and harassment. We will also encourage religious literacy, to promote understandings of how religious discourses are being used to both advance and restrict human rights.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2026