



Human Rights 75 pledges Technical Note

1. Human Rights 75 pledges and follow-up

Human Rights 75 pledges are **commitments to take specific action towards the realization of human rights for all**. The High Commissioner invites pledges that are transformative, innovative and catalytic, with significant impact on the enjoyment of human rights in the respective country/region.

All Member States of the United Nations are **urged to propose at least one and up to five flagship pledges** as part of Human Rights 75. States are encouraged to undertake a participatory process, such as a country dialogue, bringing together all stakeholders, which can trigger one or more flagship pledges.

Guidance on pledges can be found [here](#).

Reporting back on the implementation of Human Rights 75 pledges will be voluntary and could take place, inter alia, in the context of the UPR or, as relevant, in engagements with other human rights mechanisms.

2. Submission of pledges

Pledges must be submitted through the [online platform](#) dedicated for this purpose. The pledge submission form is accessible in the six official languages of the UN.

The form is divided into three sections:

- **General:** Please include all the information regarding the country and/or entity submitting the pledge.
- **Pledges:** This part requires you include the type of pledge (single or joint), the nature (legal, policy, financial, etc.), and the description of the pledge (max 100 words)
- **Sectors and rights-holders:** Please select the target sector (justice and rule of law, economy, environment, peace, and security, etc.), the concerned groups and number of beneficiaries, the focus region/country/city targeted by the pledge, and the expected deadline targeted by the pledge.

Member States can propose joint pledges on issues and themes of common concern and interest, aimed at having a concrete impact on human rights in their respective States.

A joint pledge should be submitted only once on the [online platform](#), on behalf of all pledgers.



3. Presentation of pledges during the High-level Event

All Member States have received invitations to participate in the High-level Event. Member States (Heads of Delegation) are invited to present their pledges in person during the two sessions dedicated for this purpose in Room XX, Palais des Nations during the High-level Event on Monday 11 December. The two sessions (11.30-13.00 and 14.00-15.00) will also be live-streamed on the virtual conference centre.

Delegations will be allocated two places each in room XX: Head of Delegation and a “plus 1”. Other members of the delegation can follow the discussions in Room XIX, Palais des Nations.

Remote presentation through live feed is not possible, except for those States hosting the regional hubs.

Pledge presentations are restricted to a **maximum of one minute per country**, even when multiple pledges are being presented. Joint pledges are also to be presented in one minute and be delivered by a single country on behalf of all participating States.

Dignitaries also have the option of sending a pre-recorded video message of **no longer than three minutes**, in MP4 video file type, and in 16x9 frame size. This video recording can either supplement the in-person presentation by the Head of Delegation on 11 December or be recorded as a stand-alone announcement.

Pre-recorded video messages will be showcased on the virtual conference centre. One virtual room will be dedicated to a continuing broadcast of 3-minute video messages. Please note that this virtual room will not be broadcast in Room XX.

The pledging session will be moderated by the Master of Ceremonies of the High-level Event and a senior OHCHR official. As each government presents its commitment, a virtual pledging tree will grow for each pledge, symbolizing the collective progress.

4. Presentation of pledges by other stakeholders

Local governments, UN entities, National Human Rights Institutions, regional mechanisms, Business, civil society actors, and others will present their pledges at other moments on 11 December, including during the Voices sessions.

5. Deadlines

Member States are encouraged to provide to the Secretariat the following information by **15 November 2023**:

- a. Nature and overall theme covered by the pledge(s)
- b. If an in-person pledge will be made, and if so, the name of the presenter.



The submission deadline for video messages is also **15 November 2023**.

6. Publicity of the pledges

All video messages will also be made available on [the pledges' webpage](#) after 11 December 2023, clearly identified by country.

Member States can make their pledge(s) public before the December High-level Event. If you intend to do so, please inform the HR75 Secretariat at ohchr-pledgeshr75@un.org so we can disseminate your pledge in OHCHR digital platforms.

OHCHR is preparing a public virtual platform/dashboard to contain all pledges (received from States and other actors), including statistics on main themes per region.

All questions relating to pledges can be addressed to the HR75 Secretariat at ohchr-pledgeshr75@un.org.