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Subject: Human Rights Council resolution 39/11 on equal participation in political and public affairs

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva and has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council resolution 39/11 on “Equal participation in political and public affairs”. The resolution is attached for ease of reference.

Paragraph 3 of the resolution requests the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare, in consultation with States and all other relevant stakeholders, a follow-up report on good practices and challenges faced by States in using the guidelines on the effective implementation of the right to participate in public affairs.

In this regard, the Office would welcome information concerning good practices and challenges faced by States in using the guidelines (attached). In particular, States are encouraged to share good practices and challenges faced with regard to ensuring:

- Respect for basic principles underpinning the effective implementation of the right to participate in public affairs (recommendations in paras. 19-24 of the guidelines);
- Participation in elections (recommendations in paras. 30-48 of the guidelines);
- Participation in non-electoral contexts, including developing an institutional framework for participation in public decision-making (recommendations in paras. 56-62 of the guidelines), adopting measures to guarantee participation at different stages of decision-making (recommendations in paras. 64-86 of the guidelines), and using information and communications technology to strengthen equal and meaningful participation (recommendations in paras. 87-96 of the guidelines);
- Participation at the supranational level, including in international organizations (recommendations in paras. 99-114 of the guidelines).

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would be grateful if any such information could be sent by 24 September 2021 to registry@ohchr.org. Please note that, unless requested otherwise, the information provided may be made available for consultation on the Office's website at www.ohchr.org.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Annexes enclosed