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**Subject: Human Rights Council resolution 45/7 on Local Government and Human Rights**

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva and to the United Nations in New York and has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council resolution 45/7 on “Local Government and Human Rights”. The resolution is attached for ease of reference.

Paragraph 6 of the resolution “Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report, in consultation with all States and relevant intergovernmental organizations, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, relevant special procedures, the Advisory Committee, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, civil society representatives, including non-governmental organizations, and local governments, on the role of local government and the challenges faced in the promotion and protection of human rights, including in relation to the right to equality and non-discrimination and the protection of persons in vulnerable and marginalized situations, with a view to identifying possible elements of principles guiding local and national governments in this regard, and to submit the report to the Council prior to its fifty-first session”.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would welcome from States any relevant information with regard to the preparation of the report, including in relation to:

1. Laws, policies and programmes that have been developed by local authorities explicitly to promote and protect human rights, including those related to the right to equality and non-discrimination and the protection of persons in vulnerable and marginalized situations.
2. Challenges faced by local authorities and promising practices, to promote and protect human rights, including in relation to the right to equality and non-discrimination and the protection of persons in vulnerable and marginalized situations.
3. Key principles that should guide local and national governments in the promotion and protection of human rights.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in complying with the request in the resolution, would be grateful if States could also kindly forward this request to local governments.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would be grateful if any such information could be sent by 6 April 2022 to: [ohchr-registry@un.org](mailto:ohchr-registry@un.org) with [alice.lixi@un.org](mailto:alice.lixi@un.org) in CC. Please ensure submissions are in MS Word format and do not exceed 3000 words.

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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 and to the United Nations in New York the assurances of its highest consideration.

  
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