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Questionnaire in relation to General Assembly resolution 68/268

The General Assembly in resolution 68/268 on “Strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system” adopted on 9 April 2014;

40. *Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, on a biennial basis, a comprehensive report on the status of the human rights treaty body system and the progress achieved by the human rights treaty bodies in realizing greater efficiency and effectiveness in their work, including the number of reports submitted and reviewed by the committees, the visits undertaken and the individual communications received and reviewed, where applicable, the state of the backlog, capacity-building efforts and the results achieved, as well as the situation in terms of ratifications, increased reporting and the allocation of meeting time and proposals on measures, including on the basis of information and observations from Member States, to enhance the engagement of all States parties in the dialogue with the treaty bodies;*

41. *Decides to consider the state of the human rights treaty body system no later than six years from the date of adoption of the present resolution, to review the effectiveness of the measures taken in order to ensure their sustainability, and, if appropriate, to decide on further action to strengthen and enhance the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system.*

In its latest resolution 73/162 on the “Human right treaty body system” adopted on 17 December 2018, the Assembly;

10. *Reiterates its request, in paragraph 40 of its resolution 68/268, that the Secretary-General submit to it a comprehensive report on the status of the human rights treaty body system, and, in view of the decision, in paragraph 41 of that resolution, to consider the state of the human rights treaty body system no later than 2020, requests the Secretary-General to submit that report in January 2020, in advance of the review of the human rights treaty body system.*

In preparation of the above-mentioned report, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) would appreciate receiving:

a) Comments by States on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/268, including those provisions addressed to States; and

b) Comments by States on the state of the human rights treaty body system in view of the upcoming review by 9 April 2020, of the effectiveness of the measures taken in order to ensure their sustainability, and, on any further action to strengthen and enhance the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system.

The deadline to respond to the questionnaire has been extended to 1 April 2019.

Please submit the responses to registry@ohchr.org in digital or electronic formats accessible to persons with disabilities, for example, Word or text formats. The responses will be posted as received on the following OHCHR webpage.

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRTD/Pages/TBStrengthening.aspx>

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