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Questionnaire for Civil Society by the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders Mary Lawlor, August 2020

The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, Ms. Mary Lawlor invites you or your organization to respond to the questionnaire below. Submissions received will inform the thematic report of the Special Rapporteur on the issue of killings of human rights defenders, which will be presented to the UN Human Rights Council in March 2021.

The questionnaire and related concept note on the report are available at OHCHR website in English (original language) as well as in French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic (unofficial translations):
(<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/SRHRDefenders/Pages/SRHRDefendersIndex.aspx>).

All submissions received will be published in the aforementioned website, unless you/your organization clearly indicated that you did not wish to have your input be made publicly available when submitting your response.

There is a word limit of 2500 words per questionnaire. Please submit the completed questionnaire to defenders@ohchr.org

Deadline for submissions: **5 October 2020**

Contact Details

Please provide your contact details in case we need to contact you in connection with this survey. Note that this is optional.

Type of Stakeholder (please select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Society Group or Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Individual human rights defender <input type="checkbox"/> Academic/training or research institution <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
Name of Stakeholder/Organization (if applicable)	

Name of Survey Respondent	
Email	
Telephone	
Address	
Can we attribute responses to this questionnaire to you or your organization publicly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Comments (if any):

Questions

Human rights defenders are persons, who individually or in association with others, work peacefully to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, in accordance with the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

- 1) Have you, any of your colleagues or your organization received online/offline threats and attacks since 1 January 2019 up 30 June 2020?
- 2) If yes, can you please detail and in the case of Facebook preferably provide screenshot with URL?
- 3) Did any of these threats/attacks escalate into killings - can you please chart the path as you see it?
- 4) Have any of your colleagues been killed since 1 January 2019 up to 30 June 2020?
- 5) If so in what context did the killing(s) occur? Have there been any convictions for the killing(s)?
- 6) Do you normally report death threats? If so, where?
- 7) What in your/Organization's experience has worked well to respond to death threats? And to prevent them from escalating into the actual killing(s) of human rights defenders?