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**Questionnaire for National Human Rights Institutions and International or Inter-governmental Organizations 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 National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and International or Inter-Governmental Organizations (IIOOs) 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 the submitter clearly indicated that they did not wish to have their input be made publicly available when submitting their 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"/> National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) <input type="checkbox"/> International or Inter-governmental Organisation (IIOO) <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 your Institution or 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) Does your Institution/Organization accept the legitimate right to defend human rights and if a defender is killed in the course of their work, do you publicly condemn it?

2) Have there been any cases of human rights defenders killed in your country (or in the geographic area of responsibility of your organization) since 1 June 2019 up to 30 June 2020?

3) How many convictions of perpetrators of killings of human rights defenders were there in your country/geographic area of responsibility since 1 June 2019 up to 30 June 2020?

4) Does your Institution/Organization have a procedure to respond to death threats to human rights defenders?

5) Does your Institution/Organization have or would be willing to put in place legal guarantees and other protection measures to allow human rights defenders to do their work without persecution?

6) Could you please share good practices (evidence-based) that have proved effective to respond to death threats? And to prevent them from escalating into the killing(s) of human rights defenders?