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**Questionnaire for Member and Observer States, 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 Member and Observer States 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](mailto:defenders@ohchr.org)

**Deadline for submissions: 5 October 2020**

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**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"/> Member State <input type="checkbox"/> Observer State <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):
Name of Stakeholder Organization (if applicable)	
Name of Survey Respondent	

Email	
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Can we attribute responses to this questionnaire to your Government 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 Government 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 since 1 January 2019 up to 30 June 2020?
- 3) How many convictions of perpetrators of killings of human rights defenders were there in your country since 1 January 2019 up to 30 June 2020?
- 4) Does your government have a procedure to respond to death threats to human rights defenders?
- 5) Does your Government 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?