**Information provided by the Republic of Lithuania to the UN Special Rapporteur’s**

**questionnaire on killings of 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?*

The concept of a human rights defender is not defined in the legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania, but the Criminal Code (CC) of the Republic of Lithuania establishes criminal liability for crimes against human life. Item 10 of Paragraph 2 of Article 129 of the CC prescribes aggravating circumstance if a person who murders “by reason of performance of official or citizen’s duties by the victim”. It is considered that this circumstance could be relevant if a victim's life was attacked because he or she sought to protect human rights.

1. *Have there been any cases of human rights defenders killed in your country since 1 January 2019 up to 30 June 2020?*

No, there haven’t.