**Questionnaire for Member and Observer States, by the**

**UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders**

**Mary Lawlor, September 2021**

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 human rights defenders working on corruption, which will be presented to the UN Human Rights Council in March 2022.

The questionnaire and related concept cote on the report are available at OHCHR website in English (original language) as well as in French and Spanish, (and 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 [OHCHR-defenders@un.org](mailto:OHCHR-defenders@un.org)

Deadline for submissions: **15 October 2021**

**Contact Details**

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

Corruption is a fundamental human rights issue, and human rights defenders who work on it are often attacked for exposing or researching abuse of power, graft, bribery, fraud and other related malpractices.

**Questions FOR BUSINESSES/International Financial Institutions**

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 business/IFI accept that corruption is a human rights issue?
2. How does your business/IFI support and protect human rights defenders working against corruption?
3. Have there been any cases of human rights defenders working on anti-corruption issues related to any of your projects or enterprises who were physically attacked, including killed, between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2021? What actions did you take in response to these attacks?
4. Could you please share good practices (evidence-based) that have proved effective in protecting human right defenders working on anti-corruption issues?
5. How has your business/IFI publicized and celebrated the work of human rights defenders working against corruption?