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**Subject: Midterm progress report on the implementation of the third phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations at Geneva, and has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council resolution 27/12 on the World Programme for Human Rights Education, adopted on 25 September 2014.

In the resolution, the Human Rights Council encouraged “*all States and, where appropriate, relevant stakeholders to develop initiatives within the World Programme and, in particular, to implement, within their capabilities, the plan of action*” of the third phase (2015-2019) of the World Programme for Human Rights Education. The plan of action<sup>1</sup> focuses on strengthening implementation of the first two phases and promoting human rights training for media professionals and journalists.

The Human Rights Council also requested “*the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare, within existing resources, a midterm progress report on the implementation of the third phase of the World Programme and to submit it to the Council at its thirty-sixth session*” (para. 10). Accordingly, for the preparation of this report, Member States are invited to submit to OHCHR information on national implementation of the third phase of the World Programme. In assessing progress, cooperation between governments, national human rights institutions and civil society is strongly encouraged.

The national submissions should cover action undertaken nationally during 2015-2016 in:

- A. Strengthening human rights education in the primary and secondary school systems and in higher education, as well as human rights training for civil servants, law enforcement officials and the military, including:
  1. Advancing implementation and consolidating the work done
  2. Providing human rights education and training for educators in formal and non-formal education and training, in particular those working with children and youth
  3. Undertaking related research and mapping, sharing good practices and lessons learned, and sharing information among all actors
  4. Applying and strengthening sound educational methodologies based on good practices and assessed through continued evaluation
  5. Fostering dialogue, cooperation, networking and information-sharing among relevant stakeholders
  6. Furthering integration of human rights education and training into school and training curricula.

<sup>1</sup> UN Doc. A/HRC/27/28 and A/HRC/27/28/Corr.1. For easy reference, the plan of action may be accessed at: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Education/Training/WPHRE/ThirdPhase/Pages/ThirdPhaseIndex.aspx>.





- B. Promoting human rights training for media professionals and journalists, in particular in the areas of policies and related implementation measures; training processes and tools; and the enabling environment.

All submissions should be sent to OHCHR – Methodology, Education and Training Section (email: [registry@ohchr.org](mailto:registry@ohchr.org), copy to [wphre@ohchr.org](mailto:wphre@ohchr.org)) no later than 18 April 2017. Please indicate if you do not wish OHCHR to make available on the OHCHR website your submissions.

Information related to the World Programme is also available on the OHCHR website at: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Education/Training/Pages/Programme.aspx>.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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