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Subject: Human Rights Council resolution 39/7 on Local Government and Human Rights

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva and to the United Nations in New York and has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council resolution 39/7 on “Local Government and Human Rights”. The resolution is attached for ease of reference.

Paragraph 4 of the resolution “requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report, in consultation with all States and relevant intergovernmental organizations, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council, the Advisory Committee, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and local governments, on effective methods to foster cooperation between local government and local stakeholders for the effective promotion and protection of human rights at their level through local government programmes, including raising awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals, and to indicate the major challenges and best practices in this regard, and to submit the report to the Council prior to its forty-second session.”

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would welcome from States any relevant information with regard to the preparation of the report, including:

1. Laws, policies and programmes that have been explicitly developed by local authorities to promote and protect human rights.
2. Effective methods to foster cooperation between local government and local stakeholders for the promotion and protection of human rights, including reference to local government programmes.
3. Ways in which local governments raise awareness about, and contribute, to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the New Urban Agenda, including by ensuring participation by local stakeholders.
4. Ways in which local governments are connected with the United Nations human rights system, for example participation in the Universal Periodic Review and the work of the human rights treaty bodies and Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council, and the implementation of their recommendations.

Any information regarding the major challenges and best practices concerning the above would be most welcome.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in complying with the request in the resolution, would be grateful if States could also kindly forward this request to local governments.



The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would be grateful if any such information could be sent by 15 February 2019 to: registry@ohchr.org with nandrews@ohchr.org in CC.

Please note that, unless requested otherwise, the information provided will be made available for consultation on the Office's website at www.ohchr.org.

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

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