

Mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

General Call for submission of information

Upcoming report of the Special Rapporteur containing a revised set of principles for protecting workers rights from toxic exposures

The Special Rapporteur wishes to thank States, civil society organisations, academic institutions, international organisations and other partners for the continued engagement with his mandate, including through contributions received in response to the questionnaire he circulated on 17 January 2018 requesting information on the rights of workers and exposure to toxic and otherwise hazardous substances.

The contributions were all taken into account during the preparation of the report on workers' protection, which the Special Rapporteur presented to the 39th Session of the Human Rights Council in September 2018 ([A/HRC/39/48](#)) and for the illustrative interventions during the interactive dialogue with Member States.

As noted in paragraph 75 of the above mentioned report, the Special Rapporteur is in the process of gathering input from States and other stakeholders to present a final set of principles to provide a framework for implementation by States, business enterprises and other actors. In line with this, he intends to submit to the Human Rights Council in September 2019 a new report containing principles for protecting workers rights from toxic exposures.

The Special Rapporteur kindly requests states, civil society actors, academics, business enterprises and all other interested parties to share views on the principles in the enclosed document, as well as relevant examples of existing challenges, solutions, and best practices, including legal, institutional and policy frameworks and initiatives that illustrate the application of those principles.

He requests that available information be provided, by email to srtoxicwaste@ohchr.org, no later than 15 March 2019. Kindly use the email title "Submission on Principles on rights of workers and exposure to toxic and otherwise hazardous substances."

Unless otherwise requested, all submissions will be posted on the OHCHR webpage of the mandate: <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Environment/ToxicWastes>
