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Subject: Fourth phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva, and has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council resolution 36/12 entitled “World Programme for Human Rights Education”, adopted on 28 September 2017.

At operative paragraph 10, the Human Rights Council requested the Office of the High Commissioner to seek the views of States, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders on the target sectors, focus areas or thematic human rights issues for the fourth phase of the World Programme, bearing in mind possible synergies with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other relevant initiatives on human rights education and training, and to submit a report thereon to the Council at its thirty-ninth session (September 2018).

By way of background, it is recalled that the World Programme is an ongoing initiative structured in consecutive phases to advance the implementation of human rights education programmes in all sectors. The first phase (2005-2009) was dedicated to human rights education in primary and secondary school systems. The second phase (2010-2014) focused on human rights education for higher education and on human rights training programmes for teachers and educators, civil servants, law enforcement officials and military personnel at all levels. The third phase (2015-2019) aims to strengthen implementation of the first two phases and promote human rights training for media professionals and journalists.

In accordance with the above-mentioned Human Rights Council resolution 36/12, the Office of the High Commissioner is now soliciting views on the possible focus for the fourth phase of the World Programme to begin on 1 January 2020 and in particular:

- (1) *the target sectors* (e.g. a professional group, a group of rights holders, the general public, etc.);
- (2) *focus areas or thematic human rights issues* (e.g. a specific right, a group of rights or a global issue of particular importance for the protection and promotion of human rights).

The Office of the High Commissioner would also appreciate receiving information on the reason for suggesting a specific target sector, focus areas or thematic issues.



All responses should be sent to the Methodology, Education and Training Section at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (e-mail: registry@ohchr.org, copy: wphre@ohchr.org) no later than 4 May 2018.

All documentation and other information related to the World Programme for Human Rights Education is available on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner at the following site:
<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 and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.




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