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

**Call for inputs**

**Visit to Brazil**

The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders will carry out an official visit to Brazil in April 2024.

During the visit, the Special Rapporteur will meet government officials and human rights defenders, including civil society representatives, indigenous peoples, trade unionists and journalists, as well as representatives of the international community and other relevant stakeholders.

The aim of the visit will be to document good practices and discuss challenges for human rights defenders in the country.

The Special Rapporteur will submit a report to the Human Rights Council at its 58th session in 2025. She will share her preliminary findings and recommendations at a Press conference at the conclusion of her visit.

**Call for submissions**

In preparation for the visit, the Special Rapporteur is calling on human rights defenders and other interested parties to submit information in response to the questions below.

Please feel free to provide inputs to any of the questions and to share this call for submissions with anyone who may be interested in contributing. You do not need to answer all the questions.

Inputs can be sent by email, in Word or PDF file to **hrc-sr-defenders@un.org**in English or Portuguese and should not exceed 2000 words.

The deadline for submissions is **11 March 2024**.

**1. On the general context for defending human rights in Brazil**

* What are the main domestic laws and policies in place that affect the work of human rights defenders and civil society? How are these laws and policies implemented in practice? Are there any good examples or practices of laws or policies supporting human rights defenders and their work?
* Aside from legislation, what are the main barriers, types of interference or restrictions that human rights defenders face in their work in the country?

**2. Specific issues of concern**

* What are the main or most urgent issues affecting human rights defenders in the country. What recommendations would you make on how these issues could be addressed?
* Are women human rights defenders facing differentiated challenges? Please give specific examples of cases.
* Are child or young human rights defenders facing differentiated challenges? Please give specific examples of cases.
* Are human rights defenders of African descent facing specific risks in Brazil? Please give specific examples of cases.
* Are human rights defenders of minority rights facing differentiated challenges? Please give specific examples of cases.
* Are any human rights defenders working on any other specific rights or from specific groups facing particular challenges? If so, what kind of challenges? Please give specific examples of cases.
* Is business activity putting human rights defenders at risk in Brazil? Please give specific examples of cases.

**3. Stakeholder engagement**

* Which State authorities would you recommend the Special Rapporteur meet while she is in Brazil?
* Bearing in mind that her time in the country will be limited, where would you recommend the Special Rapporteur visit, including in rural areas outside major cities?

Please also let us know if there are any other issues, specific questions or recommendations that you would like the Special Rapporteur to look into or raise with a particular authority while in the country.

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