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## **Call for Input: Human Rights Council resolution 51/10 on cyberbullying against persons with disabilities**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council resolution 51/10 on cyberbullying, adopted on 6 October 2022.

Pursuant to this resolution, OHCHR organized a panel discussion on “Cyberbullying against children” on 27 September 2023 during the 53<sup>rd</sup> session of the Human Rights Council. Pursuant to the same resolution, OHCHR will also prepare a report on “**countering cyberbullying against persons with disabilities, identifying recent trends and challenges, as well as applicable human rights principles, safeguards and best practices**”. The report will be submitted to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-sixth session in 2024.

To inform the preparation of the report, OHCHR would appreciate receiving written contributions, comprising of replies to the guiding questions in the annex from the UN Member States, UN entities and other international organizations, national human rights institutions, civil society, in particular persons with disabilities and their representative organizations, the private sector and academia, and other interested parties.

Submissions should be received by **20 April 2024**, and be:

- Limited to 5 pages (approximately 3000 words)
- Submitted in accessible format (Microsoft Word format)
- Written in English, French or Spanish, and if possible, provided with a summary in English
- Sent by e-mail to [ohchr-registry@un.org](mailto:ohchr-registry@un.org), with CC to: [ohchr-cyberbullying@un.org](mailto:ohchr-cyberbullying@un.org), including in the e-mail subject line: input for the report to the Human Rights Council on cyberbullying against persons with disabilities.

Unless otherwise specified, all contributions will be made available in full and as received on the public OHCHR [website](#). Kindly indicate if the submission contains names, images or other information that should not be posted on the public OHCHR website. Please note that not all information shared will necessarily be reflected in the final report and that information falling outside the mandate will not be considered.

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 the assurances of its highest consideration.

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## ANNEX

### **Guiding questions on the inputs sought:**

The following questions, albeit not meant to be exhaustive, indicate areas of particular interest for the drafting of the report:

- **Please provide information, in particular any study or detailed assessment you have undertaken, about how cyberbullying affects the human rights of persons with disabilities. If available, please provide disaggregated data.**
- **Please provide information about good practices (developed and/or implemented by States, national human rights institutions, civil society organizations, business enterprises, international organizations) at local, national, regional or international levels, to address cyberbullying against persons with disabilities, including its root causes.**
- **Please provide information about any assessments made of how existing initiatives and responses to cyberbullying impact the rights of persons with disabilities. What improvements were achieved? Were and are there observed and potential negative impacts on the enjoyment of human rights related to those initiatives?**
- **What other related threats and obstacles to effectively ensure the human rights of persons with disabilities online, including the right to privacy, the right to freedom of expression and the prohibition against discrimination, should be addressed in the report?**
- **Please provide information about measures taken to address those issues, including to ensure access to online platforms by persons with disabilities; to ensure inclusiveness and remove obstacles for persons with disabilities to the digital environment.**
- **What are good practices, mechanisms or models for ensuring the that persons with disabilities can exercise their rights in the online space, particularly on online platforms? Are there particular challenges in their implementation or adoption? What additional measures should be developed and implemented?**
- **Please provide information about whether specific measures have been taken to ensure accountability and access to remedies for persons with disabilities for violations or abuses of their rights in the digital space.**