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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with respect to the Report of the Secretary-General to the Human Rights Council on human rights challenges in addressing and countering all aspects of the world drug problem.

In its resolution 54/22 adopted on 4 April 2023, the Human Rights Council requested “the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report, in consultation with States, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other relevant United Nations agencies, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, on human rights challenges in addressing and countering all aspects of the world drug problem, and to present it to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fourth session, also in an accessible format, and also requests the Office of the High Commissioner to share the report with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the policymaking body of the United Nations with prime responsibility for drug control and other drug-related matters, through the appropriate channels”.

Accordingly, OHCHR would be most grateful to receive from civil society organizations relevant information (maximum 1,500 words) on human rights challenges in addressing and countering all aspects of the world drug problem, to enable the Office to submit the report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fourth session.

Responses should be sent, preferably in Word format, to OHCHR at registry@ohchr.org and nekane.lavin@un.org, by **21 May 2022**. It is kindly suggested to include hyperlinks to relevant websites, documents, data, and legislation providing more detailed information.

Please note that, unless requested otherwise, the information provided will be made available for consultation on OHCHR’s website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Simon Walker".

Simon Walker
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To civil society organisations