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Subject: Draft plan of action for the Fifth Phase (2025-2029) of the World Programme for Human Rights Education

Dear Sir, dear Madam,

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) is writing to intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations with regard to United Nations Human Rights Council resolution 54/7 entitled “World Programme for Human Rights Education”, adopted on 11 October 2023.

In paragraph 2 of the resolution, the Council encouraged “States and relevant stakeholders to, during the fifth phase of the World Programme, strengthen efforts to advance the implementation of the four previous phases”.

In paragraph 3, the Council decided “to continue to focus on youth, while expanding to include children as priority sectors, with special emphasis on human rights and digital technologies, the environment and climate change, and gender equality, and to align the fifth phase with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and specifically with target 4.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, taking into account the synergies between the different concepts and educational methods mentioned therein”.

In paragraph 6, the Council requested OHCHR to prepare a plan of action for the fifth phase of the World Programme in consultation with States, relevant intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and to submit the plan of action for consideration by the Human Rights Council at its fifty-seventh session (September 2024).

To: United Nations departments, funds and programmes, and specialized agencies
Other intergovernmental organizations
National human rights institutions
Civil society organizations

In accordance with the above-mentioned Council resolution 54/7, OHCHR is pleased to share the draft plan of action for the fifth phase (2025-2029) of the World Programme. This text is a working document, presently available only in English. OHCHR would appreciate receiving comments from intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and civil society organizations. Comments should be sent to the OHCHR Methodology, Education and Training Section (e-mail: ohchr-registry@un.org, copy: ohchr-wphre@un.org) no later than 12 June 2024.

By way of background, it is recalled that the World Programme for Human Rights Education 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 for teachers and educators, civil servants, law enforcement officials and military personnel at all levels. The third phase (2015-2019) focused on media professionals and journalists. The fourth phase (2020-2024) focuses on youth.

All information related to the World Programme is available on OHCHR's website at the address:

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/resources/educators/human-rights-education-training/world-programme-human-rights-education>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Draft plan of action