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The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva and has the honour to refer to resolution 53/1 adopted by the Human Rights Council on 12 July 2023 (<https://undocs.org/A/HRC/RES/53/1>), entitled “Countering religious hatred constituting incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence”.

In the resolution, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to present at its fifty-fourth session an oral update on the various drivers, root causes and human rights impacts of religious hatred constituting incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence, highlighting gaps in existing national, legal, policy and law enforcement frameworks in particular in the context of the urgent debate, held at the fifty-third session of the Human Rights Council, to be followed by an interactive dialogue at its fifty-fourth session (operative paragraph 4).

It also decided to organize an interactive panel discussion of experts at its fifty-fifth session on these issues, and to propose normative, legal, policy and administrative deterrence measures, both offline and online, to counter such acts of religious hatred that constitute incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence against individuals based on their religion or belief, and also hinders full enjoyment of their fundamental rights and freedoms, and invited OHCHR to liaise with States, relevant special procedures, civil society and other stakeholders with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion (operative paragraph 5).

Finally, the Human Rights Council requested the Office to present a report on the deliberations of the panel discussion to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-sixth session (operative paragraph 6).

With a view to implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 53/1, OHCHR would welcome any written contributions from Permanent Missions concerning the various drivers, root causes and human rights impacts of religious hatred constituting incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence, highlighting gaps in existing national, legal, policy and law enforcement frameworks. These contributions may be sent to the OHCHR Registry at [ohchr-registry@un.org](mailto:ohchr-registry@un.org) (with copy to [ohchr-minorities@un.org](mailto:ohchr-minorities@un.org)).



The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.



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