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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organisations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to the letter of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity dated 20 December 2023, inviting the Member States to provide inputs on the report on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, in relation to the human rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa wishes to transmit South Africa's inputs to the Independent Expert's report to the 56<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organisations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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