**Questionnaire**

***Memorialization in the context of serious violations of human rights and humanitarian law***

In the framework of Human Rights Council resolution 36/7, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence was mandated “[t]o gather relevant information on national situations [...], including on normative frameworks, national practices and experiences relating to the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence” and “[t]o identify, exchange and promote good practices and lessons learned.”

In compliance with this mandate, the Special Rapporteur decided to devote his thematic report to the 45th session of the Human Rights Council, in September 2020, to examine good practices and lessons learned, and assess emerging challenges and opportunities in the adoption of memorialization processes following gross human rights violations and serious violations of international humanitarian law, that could help States undergoing political transitions, and other stakeholders, to ensure recognition for the victims, reparation for mass or grave violations, and guarantee of non-recurrence.

In order to obtain a broad representation of views to inform the thematic report, the Special Rapporteur is seeking written contributions by Member States, civil society and other relevant stakeholders through responses to the questionnaire below.

*Please note that you can choose to answer all or some of the questions below*

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1. ***What was the objective of memorialization processes in the country concerned*** *(e.g.: preventing the recurrence of violence or conflict; combatting denial of past violations; fighting impunity; providing reparation to victims; sharing/creating narratives about the past; addressing conflicting narratives in divided societies; sensitizing current and future generations?* ***How was the memorialization process designed and implemented in order to ensure this objective?***
2. ***Please indicate which are the good practices, shortcomings and the lessons learned in the memorialization experience in the country concerned. What has worked and what hasn’t? What are the challenges and opportunities?***
3. ***Did the concerned country had an inclusive memorialization process? If so, which actors were actively engaged in the process and how was their participation ensured?***
4. ***Please indicate the sequencing in which the country concerned has undertaken memorialization initiatives as part of its transitional justice process. Please explain why and how this sequencing was undertaken.***
5. ***What is the role of media, social media and socially dominant public figures in contemporary memorialization processes? How have these actors been used in transitional contexts. What are the risks and opportunities involved?***
6. ***Please indicate how has the memorialization process been integrated into formal education (primary, secondary, tertiary/university), and in the training of officials in public institutions, including those involved in past abuses.***

Given the timeline for the preparation of the thematic report, we kindly request that written contributions be sent in a Word document to [srtruth@ohchr.org](mailto:srtruth@ohchr.org) no later than 6 January 2020. We would also welcome any other PDF or word document, report, article or the like providing further information about the memorialization process in the country concerned.

***Please limit your contributions to a maximum*** ***of 750 words per response and attach annexes, where necessary***. Your responses may be published on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. *Should you not wish to have your response published on the website, please indicate so in your response.*

We thank you in advance for your cooperation, and for your responses.