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Subject: Report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on engaging men and boys in preventing and responding to violence against all women and girls, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 35/10 of the Human Rights Council

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva and has the honour to refer to Resolution 35/10 entitled; “Accelerating efforts to eliminate violence against women: engaging men and boys in preventing and responding to violence against all women and girls”.

This resolution requested the High Commissioner, in close cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, to prepare a report “to review promising practices and lessons learned, existing strategies and United Nations and other initiatives to engage men and boys in promoting and achieving gender equality, in particular efforts to challenge gender stereotypes and the negative social norms, attitudes and behaviours that underlie and perpetuate violence against women and girls” to be submitted for the consideration of the Human Rights Council at its thirty-eighth session.

In this context, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would like to request information in response to the following questions for the preparation of this report:

1. What are the concrete steps your Government has taken, at normative, institutional and programme levels, to engage men and boys in promoting and achieving gender equality and challenge gender stereotypes and the negative social norms, attitudes and behaviours that underlie and perpetuate violence against women and girls? You may wish to refer to various aspects of such effort indicated in the operational paragraphs 9 and 10 of the resolution. Please also elaborate on the impact these steps have had.
2. What are the challenges that your Government faces, at normative, institutional programme levels, in engaging men and boys in promoting and achieving gender equality, in particular efforts to challenge gender stereotypes and the negative social norms, attitudes and behaviours that underlie and perpetuate violence against women and girls? Please elaborate on the nature of these challenges and the steps taken to address them.
3. Are women and girls, including women’s rights organizations, involved in the efforts by your Government to engage men and boys in promoting and achieving gender equality, in particular efforts to challenge gender stereotypes and the negative social norms, attitudes and behaviours that underlie and perpetuate violence against women and girls?

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would be grateful if submissions could be sent to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (United Nations Office at Geneva, CH 1211 Geneva 10; Fax, +41 22 917 90 08; Email: registry@ohchr.org, Cc: ahattori@ohchr.org) by 3 November 2017.

As much as possible, we appreciate receiving submissions:

- Limited to 5 pages (or 2,000 words);
- Sent by email in Microsoft Word format;
- Written in English or French, or provided with a summary in English or in French.

Please indicate whether the information provided can be made available on the OHCHR website. Any enquiries may be made to Asako Hattori at ahattori@ohchr.org, telephone: +41-229289884.

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



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