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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions and Observer Offices to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva and New York. It has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council Resolution 54/22 on “Promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights within the context of addressing inequalities”, which mandates that the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights establish a knowledge hub at headquarters. In the context of addressing inequalities, the knowledge hub is to be dedicated to technical assistance and capacity-building, the consolidation of best practices and know-how in promoting and protecting economic, social and cultural rights. The knowledge hub is key part of the ongoing efforts at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to enhance its capacity in the field of economic, social and cultural rights. The knowledge hub will be made available to Member States and other relevant stakeholders in a user-friendly manner.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has the honour to refer to an online questionnaire ([hyperlink here](#)) (enclosed for ease of reference). Permanent and Observer Missions are kindly invited to widely disseminate the questionnaire among relevant agencies and authorities at the national and subnational levels. The questionnaire serves as a preliminary means of assessing the needs and expectations of Members States and relevant stakeholders about the knowledge hub on economic, social and cultural rights. The assistance of all Permanent and Observer Missions for the broad distribution among all relevant government officials and other stakeholders for completion of the online questionnaire is appreciated in advance. Permanent and Observer Missions may wish to circulate the online questionnaire among various line ministries, such as the ministries of health, education, labour, agriculture, justice, finance, culture, development and planning, and local governments. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights expresses its gratitude for the assistance of all Permanent Missions and Observer Offices with distribution to other relevant stakeholders including the private sector, trade unions, academia, and professional associations.

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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights kindly requests that responses be provided before 31 July 2024. The responses of Member States and other relevant stakeholders will be crucial for the development of the knowledge hub in a timely manner.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has the honour to inform Member States and other relevant stakeholders that the Office will make every effort possible to implement the activities envisaged under the knowledge hub in an incremental and timely manner. Member States and other relevant stakeholders are kindly invited to engage with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and contribute resources, ideas, experiences, and other measures to support the operationalisation of the knowledge hub.

For questions or additional information, please contact Ms. Harumi Fuentes (harumi.fuentes@un.org) and Mr. Haijiang YOU (haijiang.you@un.org).

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions and Observer Offices to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva and New York the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Annex : Questionnaire