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Call for input for the preparation of the report of the International Independent Expert Mechanism to advance racial justice and equality in the context of law enforcement

Pursuant to paragraph 15 of the Human Rights Council Resolution 47/21, the International Independent Expert Mechanism to advance racial justice and equality in the context of law enforcement (the Expert Mechanism) will present its third annual report at the fifty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council (9 September-9 October 2024), and subsequently transmit it to the General Assembly.

In its upcoming report, the Expert Mechanism will explore its mandate in paragraph 11(g) and (h) of resolution 47/21, to advance racial justice and equality in the context of law enforcement globally and to contribute to accountability and redress for victims *inter alia* by “Making recommendations on the concrete steps needed to ensure access to justice, accountability and redress for excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officials against Africans and people of African descent, including independent and well-resourced mechanisms to support victims of human rights violations by law enforcement officials, their families and communities” and by “Monitoring the implementation of recommendations on ending impunity for violations by law enforcement officials emanating from the report of the High Commissioner, and identifying obstacles to their full implementation”.

The Expert Mechanism would welcome information on promising initiatives and positive or good practices; and on obstacles, challenges and lessons learned in ensuring access to justice, accountability and redress for excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officials, including in relation to:

- Investigation, prosecution and sentencing, and other accountability and redress measures, including disciplinary proceedings.
- Ensuring that examining the role of racial discrimination, stereotypes and biases is central to accountability measures.
- The role of victims and their families during accountability processes.
- Independent and well-resourced oversight and complaint procedures.
- Independent and well-resourced mechanisms to support victims and communities affected.

Process

Contributions should be sent in Word format by email to: ohchr-emler@un.org by **24 May 2024**. Please include hyperlinks to relevant websites, documents, statistical data, public regulations and legislation providing more detailed information. Unless otherwise specified, all contributions will be made available in full and as received on the public website of the Expert Mechanism. It should be noted that not all information shared will necessarily be reflected in the final report and that information falling outside the mandate will not be considered.