**Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)**

**OHCHR examination of the human rights situation in Belarus**

**Template for submitting information**

OHCHR, in the context of its examination of the human rights situation in Belarus,[[1]](#footnote-1) invites individuals, groups, organizations and other relevant stakeholders to submit information related to all alleged human rights violations and abuses committed in Belarus since **1 May 2020 in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election and in its aftermath,**[[2]](#footnote-2) including the possible gender dimensions of such violations.

Please complete the template attaching relevant additional documents and materials. Not all items are mandatory, but particular attention should be given to filling in the section on consent.

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| **Submitting individual/entity** | **Name:** |
| **Contact details**[[3]](#footnote-3)  Email(s):  Telephone number(s):  Telegram:  Website / Social media: |
| **Relationship to the alleged victim(s)**  ☐ Self ☐ Parent / Legal guardian ☐ Lawyer / Defender  ☐ Other (please elaborate): |

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| **Alleged victim(s)**[[4]](#footnote-4) | **Name:** |
| **Date of birth:** |
| **Gender** ☐ Woman ☐ Man ☐ Prefer not to say ☐ Other: |
| **Citizenship** ☐ Belarus ☐ Other: |
| **Contact details:** |
| **Current location**  ☐ Belarus ☐ Other: |

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| **Consent**[[5]](#footnote-5) | **Please indicate whether OHCHR may use the provided information, such as by including it in its public reports submitted to the Human Rights Council, public statements, press releases:**  ☐ Use internally and publicly with non-identifiable data.  ☐ Use internally and publicly with personally identifiable data (PID).  ☐ Use internally only (within OHCHR) without PID.  ☐ Use internally only (within OHCHR) with PID. |
| **Please indicate,** **whether OHCHR may share the provided information, such as for humanitarian referrals, international protection and accountability efforts:**  ☐ Refer to organizations providing assistance (e.g. mediсal, legal) to victims, with PID.  ☐ Share information with UN human rights mechanisms and other UN entities without PID.  ☐ Share information with UN human rights mechanisms and other UN entities, with PID.  ☐ Share information with international courts and mechanisms without PID.  ☐ Share information with international courts and mechanisms with PID.  ☐ Share with accountability mechanisms of other States without PID.  ☐ Share with accountability mechanisms of other States, with PID. |

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| **Incident involving possible human rights violations**[[6]](#footnote-6) | **Date(s):** from DD/MM/YYYY – to DD/MM/YYYY |
| **Geography:** City/settlement/district: |
| **Detailed description**:[[7]](#footnote-7) |
| **Impact of violations:**[[8]](#footnote-8) |
| **Open sources:**[[9]](#footnote-9) |

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| **Identification of those allegedly responsible[[10]](#footnote-10)** | **Name of alleged perpetrator, if known:** |
| **Affiliation to security forces or State institutions:** |
| **Any marks which indicate affiliation, such as insignia, colour or pattern of uniform; position or rank:** |
| **The alleged perpetrator’s role in the violations described above:** |

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| **Accountability and access to justice**[[11]](#footnote-11) | ☐ Incident(s) reported to authorities ☐ Forensic examination conducted ☐ Complaint(s) reviewed by judiciary ☐ Complaint(s) filed abroad |
| **Detailed description**: |
| **Reprisals and protection concerns** | **Reprisals:**[[12]](#footnote-12) |
| **Current protection concerns:** |

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Please make sure you only use the OHCHR-provided link for uploading submissions, see:[**https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/ohchr-belarus/call-for-submissions**](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/ohchr-belarus/call-for-submissions)

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1. OHCHR mandate relating to examination of the human rights situation in Belarus in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election and in its aftermath was established by the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) in 2021. On 4 April 2023, the mandate was renewed for an additional period of one year through HRC resolution A/HRC/RES/52/29. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Human rights violations and abuses occur when the State or groups in power do not promote, respect, protect and fulfil human rights in accordance with international obligations, often causing harm and suffering. These may include, in the context of Belarus, allegations of arbitrary deprivation of life; torture and ill-treatment; sexual and gender-based violence; enforced disappearance; arbitrary arrest and detention, including of children; due process and a fair trial; denial of the rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association; arbitrary expulsion; arbitrary deprivation of citizenship; and arbitrary deprivation of property. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. By providing these contacts you consent to be contacted by OHCHR. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Please insert a copy of this section if this submission is regarding more than one victim. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. OHCHR is guided by the “do-no-harm” principle, and when relevant, re-contacts the victims, witnesses, regarding their informed consent prior to using or sharing information. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Please insert a copy of this section if this submission is regarding more than one incident. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Please provide a description of the incident and of any alleged violation(s), including dates, specific locations (e.g. names of streets, buildings) and number, types and name(s) of victim(s), circumstances, any identified alleged perpetrators and their alleged motives. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Please also include information on the impact of these violations (e.g. damage caused, harm suffered by the victim(s) and family), as well as age and gender-sensitive considerations (e.g. how these violations affected women and men, girls and boys differently). [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Please provide links to online sources about the incident, including news, interviews, photographs and videos. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Please insert a copy of this section if more than one alleged perpetrator is identified. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Please provide a detailed description of any investigations, judicial processes, decisions/judgements and sentences, including reparations, in relation to the incident(s). [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Please indicate if any reprisals followed for complaining about possible human rights violations or cooperating with human rights mechanisms to investigate the alleged violations. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)