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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: We pledge - using real stories and illustrative cases of human rights defenders - to educate policy makers and decision makers on the role that the EU and member states must play in protecting human rights defenders through providing swift facilitation of travel in cases of emergency, for temporary respite, and for professional networking purposes. We will work through networks of human rights NGOs in Europe to promote existing recommendations for policy and procedural changes and highlight best practices that will lead to changes in the EU visa handbook to recognise HRDs as a special category by December 2024.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2024