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PLEDGE NUMBER 1: At the regional level, we pledge to support the continued establishment of new NHRIs and strengthening the independence and effectiveness of existing NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles, and further strengthening regional human rights mechanisms through capacity-building, sharing of experiences and good practices. NHRIs resolve to work for the mitigation of environmental degradation at the local level and deal with the impact of climate change on lives and livelihoods, with a special focus on vulnerable and marginalized groups. We reaffirm our commitment to advise governments and communities in mitigating, adapting and responding to the human rights impacts of climate change. We resolve to work with and encourage corporates and business operations to play a positive role in promoting and protecting human rights as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and in line with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 10, 2027