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**PLEDGE NUMBER 1:** By December 2024, ISHR together with 16 partners will have developed a civil society led supplement to the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. This supplement will take into account legal developments, emerging challenges and experiences lived by defenders over the last 25 years. It will provide an authoritative new baseline for defenders' rights and protection, and the obligations of State and non-State actors. It will be developed in consultation with defenders all over the world, together with human rights experts.

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

**PLEDGE NUMBER 2:** When working with human rights defenders, ISHR pledges to: - use its resources, access, networks and influence in Geneva and New York to support and enhance the meaningful participation of human rights defenders at the UN, particularly defenders coming from communities and groups that have historically or systematically been subject to intersecting forms of discrimination and oppression. - reinforce collective power and collective protection strategies and support forms of protection developed "from below". We pledge to take into account spirituality, wellbeing, collective safe-care and community rituals as a key element of their safety. - take a consistent, principled, non-selective approach to all human rights situations, which recognises that the protection of human rights defenders is integral to the protection of human rights, and that promotes justice for victims of violations and abuses and accountability for perpetrators.

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