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**PLEDGE NUMBER 1:** Increase the share in policies, activities and initiatives developed in line with the UNESCO's Medium-Term Strategy for 2022-2029 and the corresponding programme and budget documents dedicated to the rights within the Organization's fields of competence (rights to: education, take part in cultural life, freedom of opinion and expression, share in scientific advancement and its benefits, water and sanitation, environment) and to gender equality and youth priorities and report regularly on progress to governing bodies.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2023

**PLEDGE NUMBER 2:** Help Governments translate into positive change UNESCO's human rights instruments, particularly those on emerging challenges, such as those relating to AI, neurotechnologies and open science, through raising awareness, advocacy for an enhanced participation of Member States in statutory monitoring and the development of a monitoring system built on key indicators aimed to set targets for improvement and assess progress or lack thereof.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2023

**PLEDGE NUMBER 3:** Enhance efforts to promote and protect the freedom and safety of professional groups linked to the UNESCO mandate, such as journalists, artists and creators, educators, and scientists.

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**PLEDGE NUMBER 4:** Provide input from across the UNESCO mandate on countries examined under the Universal Periodic Review and increase the use of the recommendations of UN human rights mechanisms in relevant programmes and activities of UNESCO country offices especially.

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**PLEDGE NUMBER 5:** Increase the number of initiatives having a real impact on the ground – namely research, advocacy and awareness-raising - implemented in cooperation with UNESCO networks, such as Chairs, Category 2 Centers, city platforms, associated schools, Goodwill Ambassadors, etc., for the realization of human rights within the Organization’s fields of competence.

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