

The role of the Ombudsman, mediator and other national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights

Background

Pursuant to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 72/186 (attached), requesting the Secretary-General to report on best practices in the work and functioning of the Ombudsman, mediators and other human rights institutions, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has the honour to share the hereunder questionnaire, in order to seek the views of Ombudsman, mediator and other national human rights institutions in this regard.

As requested in paragraph 7, the results of this survey will be reflected in the Secretary-General's report to the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly.

Questionnaire

- 1) Do you operate, as appropriate, in accordance with the Paris Principles and assist your authorities in the promotion and protection of human rights?**

- 2) Do you consider that your institution is provided with an adequate constitutional and legislative framework, as well as financial and all other appropriate means in order to ensure the efficient and independent exercise of your institution's mandate and to strengthen the legitimacy and credibility of your institution's actions in the promotion and protection of human rights?**

- 3) Have you requested, in cooperation with OHCHR, accreditation by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) in order to interact effectively with the international human rights system?**

- 4) Do you cooperate with relevant State bodies and develop cooperation with civil society organizations?**

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- 5) Do you conduct outreach activities at the national level, in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders, in order to raise awareness of the important role of your institution?**
- 6) In your view, what were the obstacles encountered by your State in the implementation of resolution 72/186 ‘The Role of the Ombudsman, mediator and other national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights’ adopted by the General Assembly in December 2017?**
- 7) Please share experiences, lessons learned and best practices on the work and functioning of your institution, and on your institution’s collaboration with GANHRI, the International Ombudsman Institute and other regional networks and associations.**
- 8) Please provide any additional comment you may have.**

Deadline for submission of responses to the questionnaire:

20 March 2020

Filled questionnaires should be submitted via email to the following address:
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We thank you for your contribution.