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SURVEY ON NEW UNHRC REPORTING INITIATIVE

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Dear followers,

Since #HRC58, the Geneva Centre has introduced a **new UNHRC Communications and Reporting strategy** aimed at better responding to the needs of permanent missions, NGOs, intergovernmental organizations, special procedures and other interested stakeholders.

As this **Geneva Centre's flagship initiative** was conceived to fill the reporting vacuum left by the UNHRC due to budgetary constraints back in 2019, the new UNHRC Communications and Reporting strategy was informed by valuable suggestions delivered by various UNHRC actors and human rights experts. The goal of the new UNHRC Reporting strategy is to **bring it back to its origins** while ensuring in-depth coverage of views expressed by every state and organization in an **objective and impartial manner**, according to the cardinal principles of **equal treatment**, sovereign equality, respect for diversity and openness to dialogue.

Furthermore, UNHRC detailed reporting on Special Procedures' thematic presentations, comments and replies considerably enrich the evolutionary interpretation of human rights norms and constitute a **rich interpretative soft law corpus** from which national and international law-makers and judicial bodies can draw inspiration.



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In a nutshell, UNHRC Reporting is not just about mere summaries of statements. UNHRC Reporting is most and foremost a **testimony of the immense research work** carried out by leading experts in various thematic fields who bring to the table of the Council a wealth of knowledge, creativity and interdisciplinary background which ultimately serves to the furtherance of human rights and sustainable development.

As the **institutional memory** of the world's most prominent multilateral body dedicated to human rights, UNHRC Reporting chiefly serves an **historical legacy** of emerging human rights concepts and burgeoning human rights standards which may become tomorrow's hard law. Statements delivered by States, governmental and non-governmental organisations contribute to the shaping of broad global human rights trends and the emergence and/or crystallization of new international human rights norms.

For an in-depth, in-person exchange on the new UNHRC Communications and Reporting strategy and its future outlook, please feel free to reach out to rfranceschet@gchragd.org any time. The Geneva Centre would appreciate your **feedback and views** on the changes introduced to its UNHRC Reporting - including its dissemination channels - by participating in the following survey.

Your opinion matters!

Please find below the direct link to take the survey.

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