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70th Anniversary Celebration for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Dear friends,

This year's **Human Rights Day (10 December)** will launch a year-long campaign to mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

Adopted by the UN General Assembly on 10 December 1948, the UDHR is a milestone document in the history of human rights, proclaiming for the first time the inalienable rights to which everyone – regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status – is inherently entitled as a human being. It is the most translated document in the world, currently available in 504 languages.

The upcoming 70th anniversary is an opportunity to reaffirm the universal values and enduring principles enshrined in the Declaration, mobilize people around the world, and take stock of human rights today.

The anniversary campaign, which builds on the #StandUp4HumanRights call to action launched last December, aims to promote, engage and reflect:

- 1. **Promote** the rights enshrined in the Declaration and what the UDHR means in our daily lives;
- 2. Engage broad audiences across the world and mobilize people for human rights;
- 3. **Reflect** on progress and challenges, and ways that each of us can stand up for human rights.

The attached document provides an overview of the activities and events we are planning, the materials we will make available and **suggestions for how you can get involved.** We very much look forward to engaging with you on one or several areas of collaboration. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

National Institutions, Regional Mechanisms and Civil Society Section

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights





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Resources:

Logo for the 70th anniversary of the UDHR (in six languages): <u>https://trello.com/c/1CIkwvco/11-logo</u>

UN website including the UDHR text in six languages, history of the document, and more: <u>http://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights</u>

Translations of the UDHR in 500+ languages: www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Pages/SearchByLang.aspx

Video recordings of UDHR articles in 40+ languages: <u>https://www.un.org/en/udhr-video/curated.shtml</u> <u>https://www.youtube.com/c/UniversalDeclarationofHumanRightsVideoCollection/videos</u>

Audio recordings of the UDHR in 70+ languages: <u>https://trello.com/c/ZRfqn7TZ/2-audio-in-70-languages</u>

Sign language versions (British, Spanish, Portuguese): <u>https://trello.com/c/PT3sM7PI/4-sign-language</u>

Photo gallery: https://www.flickr.com/photos/un_photo/sets/72157677599327615

Video about the UDHR (6 mins, English only, by OHCHR): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RR4VXNX3jA

Materials on the UDHR: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Pages/UDHRIndex.aspx

Hashtags:

#Standup4HumanRights #HumanRightsDay #Droitsdelhomme #DerechosHumanos

A campaign website (by OHCHR) and an updated UN Human Rights Day website will be available shortly.