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Agenda items 2 and 5
Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner
for Human Rights and reports of the Office of
the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General
Human rights bodies and mechanisms

Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights

Report of the Secretary-General^{*}, ^{**}

Summary

The present report is submitted pursuant to resolution 12/2 of the Human Rights Council. The Secretary-General highlights activities, policy developments and good practices wi

I. Introduction

1. The Human Rights Council, in its resolution 12/2, expressed concern over continued

6. Successive Presidents of the Human Rights Council addressed three alleged

exchange, such as th

34. In January 2020, Member States expressed support for civil societJ

Egypt

65.

India

74. Ongoing intimidation and reprisals have reportedly deterred some civil society

security risks for the individuals or organizations involved. Underreporting remains a concern.

131. Trends previously identified in the use of national security arguments and legislation and of counter

Annex I

make it ðemphatically clearð

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for engagement with the UPR.²⁶ The Spokesperson for the High Commissioner for Human Rights highlighted

control of the Ministry of Justice and the Judicial Police in the east, and was only able to

28. Philippines

129. On 5 February 2020, the Government responded,⁹⁸ stating that no individual or group is subject to investigation or judicial prosecution for legal activities. The First Police Court of Istanbul initiated a judicial investigation concerning Ms. Kaya for a crime of incitement to hatred and hostility in connection to a Tweet with hostile language about a

140. Further, it was reported to OHCHR that the increased attention by the UN on the

145. On 25 May 2020, the Government

stigmatization campaigns on social media, including Facebook, by supporters of the internationally recognized Government of Yemen, accusing Mr. Al-Shawafi and the organization of being biased and paid by de-facto authorities. In November 2019, a staff member of the organization was kidnapped and tortured for more than ten days by

Annex II

Information on alleged cases included in follow up to previous reports

1. Bahrain

1. The case of Ms. Hajar Mansoor Hasan was included in the 2018 and 2019 reports of the Secretary-General on allegations of arbitrary detention and abuse due to

7. Cuba

39. The situation of Mr. Juan Antonio Madrazo Luna, member of the Comité

submitted to the UN. In November 2017, the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention found his detention arbitrary and requested the Government to ensure his immediate release.³⁸ According to information received, on 10 September 2019, the Cairo Criminal Court

13. India

72.

17. Morocco

88. The case of Mr. Ennaâma Asfari was included in the 2019 and 2018 reports of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/ 42/30, Annex II para. 73; A/HRC/39/41, para. 57 and Annex I,

Annex I, paras. 80–82). The Governing Body of the International Labour Organization had

Missionaries of the Philippines. It reiterated that the allegations of harassment, intimidation and threats against Karapatan are baseless.

21. Poland

104. The case of Mr. Adam Bodnar, Poland's Commissioner on Human Rights (ombudsperson), was included in the 2019 report of the Secretary-General on allegations of

23. Saudi Arabia

108. The case of

and private life and communicating with journalists, UN human rights bodies and human rights organizations and other groups described as hostile to the state.

112. The case of Ms. Samar Badawi was included in the 2015 and 2019 reports of the Secretary-General on allegations of threats and interrogations following her statement at the Human Rights Council in 2014⁷⁵ (A/HRC/30/29, para. 36 and A/HRC/42/30, para. 73–74, Annex I, para. 91, and Annex II, para. 95).⁷⁶ It was reported to OHCHR that Ms. Badawi appeared before the Criminal Court in Riyadh on 27 June 2019, without legal

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132. The case of Mr. Mohamad Ismat Mohamad Shaker Az

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