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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has the honour to invite non-governmental organizations to a consultation organised pursuant to resolution 38/18 of the Human Rights Council on the “contribution of the Human Rights Council to the prevention of human rights violations”. This consultation for civil society organizations only will be held on 7th October 2019 from 3 pm to 6 pm in Palais des Nations, room XXIV, Geneva, Switzerland. The consultation will be held in English only.

In resolution 38/18, the Human Rights Council has tasked Ms. Yvette Stevens, chair-rapporteur, and Mr. de Greiff and Mr. Muižnieks, rapporteurs “to consult and gather the views of relevant stakeholders in Geneva and New York” on how the Human Rights Council could effectively prevent human rights violations.

In this context, the rapporteurs would like to discuss, among others, the following topics:

- To what extent has prevention, in fact, been explicitly adopted as a goal in the work of the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms (Advisory Committee, Complaint Procedure, Forums and Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Groups, Special Procedures and Universal Periodic Review)?
- Whether by design or not, deliberately or not, the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms may have contributed to the prevention of human rights violations?
- Is there untapped preventive potential of the Human Rights Council and its mechanisms? How could this potential be realized? What are some of the relevant bottlenecks?
- What role civil society organizations play in the implementation of the realization of the prevention mandate of the Human Rights Council? How this role could be improved?

To: Non-governmental organizations

Interested civil society organizations are invited to register online through the Indico platform, which is available at: <https://reg.unog.ch/event/31794>. Registration will be open until 7 October 2019. Should non-governmental organizations have a written submission to transmit to the rapporteurs or any specific query, they are invited to contact Renaud de Villaine at rdevillaine@ohchr.org and +41 22 928 97 28.

All other relevant information on the implementation of the mandate outlined in resolution 38/18 is accessible at:
<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/PreventionOfViolations.aspx>.

Thank you very much in advance for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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