**The Situation of Human Rights Defenders Working on Business**

A Survey by the UN Special Rapporteur

on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders

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You are invited by the UN Special Rapporteur, Michel Forst, to share the experiences of human rights defenders working on business.

Human rights defenders are those individuals who “promote and… strive for the protection and realisation of human rights and fundamental freedoms at the national and international levels” (Article 1, Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms).

As a result of their work, human rights defenders sometimes face risks and suffer violations of their rights.

The data collected through this survey will inform the report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders which will be presented to the General Assembly in October 2017.

This report will be made publicly available, including on the website of the Special Rapporteur [(https://www.protecting-defenders.org/).](%28https%3A//www.protecting-defenders.org/%29.) For more information on this report, see the related Concept Note.

This survey will take around 20 minutes or more to complete, depending on the level of detail you wish to provide. There are three main questions in this survey.

Your responses will be held confidentially and will not be attributed to you unless you give us permission to do so. You may be contacted about any of your responses unless you do not provide your contact details for that purpose.

This survey is prepared by the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur with technical support from the Centre for Applied Human Rights of the University of York.

This survey is also available in Spanish and French.

Please submit the completed survey to defenders@ohchr.org. The survey will be open until **2 June 2017**.

**Contact Details**

Please provide your contact details in case we need to contact you in connection with this survey.

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In what country or countries are you primarily active?

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**Questions**

1. What recent trends or issues related to business and human rights should the Special Rapporteur focus on in his report?

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1. How have these trends or issues affected human rights defenders specifically? Can you make reference to specific examples?

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1. What opportunities for advocacy on business and human rights are presented by the Special Rapporteur's report?

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Thank you for participating in this survey!

Please attach any relevant resources (e.g. reports, case studies, urgent alerts) that might be helpful for this report.

If you have any questions or feedback about this survey please email defenders@ohchr.org