***Call for Submissions by January 31, 2017***

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**Gender-sensitive Perspective into Extra-judicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killing**

As the UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killing, I am committed to a gender-sensitive perspective in all my work, including through my missions, in my recommendations, general oversight, by integrating a gender-specific perspective in all my reports and by focusing specifically on gender-specific extra-judicial executions and unlawful death. Such a commitment is also in keeping with the terms of Resolution 26/12 on the Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, which requests that the Special Rapporteur, in carrying out her mandate, applies a gender perspective in her work (Paragraph 7(f)).

On a preliminary basis, I am considering issuing reports on:

* A gender-sensitive approach to extra-judicial, summary and arbitrary executions: legal and research methodology implications
* Gender-specific killings that may amount to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary, including for instance, domestic violence, honor killings, “*femicide*”, and/or other topics to be identified through consultation.

**Context**

A number of steps have been taken in recent decades towards ensuring that women’s human rights and gender-specific human rights violations are well integrated in human rights monitoring, reporting, and commitment, and that the voices and experiences of women and other groups particularly vulnerable to identity-based human rights violations are better reflected at all levels of the human rights system.

The Special Mandate on Extra-judicial Executions has contributed to these steps. My predecessors have produced reports and other observations on honor killings, witchcraft killings, “femicide,” gender-based violence by vigilante groups, killings in the context of armed conflicts and their impact on women, and killings on the basis of gender or sexual identity. They have elaborated on the obligations of States to protect against killings by Non-State Actors, and on States obligations to fulfill women’s human rights, including with regard to the right to life. The former holders of this mandate also strengthened our understanding of the legal framework underpinning the principle of non-discrimination and its implication for the right to life.

**A Call for Submissions**

Throughout the course of my mandate, I want to build on, and strengthen, this work for gender inclusiveness and gender sensitivity. To this end, and as a first step, I am issuing this call for submissions. In accordance with the established practice of thematic mandate-holders, I welcome submissions that civil society, academic, member states, UN agencies may wish to transmit for this purpose. Such submissions may include, *for instance*, recommendations for my consideration and/or the submission of evidence, case studies and argumentation relevant to the following questions:

1. How to define and explain “Gender” with specific reference to human rights violations, protection, obligations, accountability?
2. What does a gender-specific perspective into extra-judicial, summary or arbitrary executions (thereafter EJEs) entail? Which principles, steps and analysis should be followed?
3. What is the significance of gender on specific forms of EJEs?
4. What is the significance of gender on the legal definitions of the various forms of EJEs?
5. What does a gender-specific approach to States’ obligations with regard to the right to life entail?
6. What are states’ obligations for gender-based unlawful killings at the hands of non-State Actors?
7. What does a gender-specific approach to non-States Actors’ obligations with regard the right to life entail?
8. What are the gender-sensitive interview methods to be followed to interview relatives of victims of EJEs, witnesses to EJEs, and others actors involved in the reporting or investigation into EJEs?
9. What does a gender-specific approach to the prevention of EJEs entail?
10. What does a gender-specific approach to accountability for EJEs entail?
11. What does a gender-specific approach to access to remedies entail?
12. How does an intersectional approach affect all aforementioned questions and issues, such as the intersections between gender, race, class, disability, ethnicity, indigenous, religion and belief, sexual orientation and gender identity, or other forms of identity?

While I will issue at a later date another call specifically for case studies, I also welcome submissions at this stage that address the above topics through a focus on a specific category of killings that may amount to extra-judicial, summary or arbitrary executions, such as, but not limited to: domestic violence, honor killing, “femicide,” etc.

Further, over the course of the next two years, I will seek to organize two expert meetings to review the topics above, explore challenges from a standard-setting, accountability and prevention standpoint, identify good practices and key learnings, and help develop strategies that best address gender-specific killings amounting to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary killings.

**Deadline for Submissions: January 31, 2017**