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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with respect to Human Rights Council resolution 39/7 on Local Government and Human Rights. The resolution is attached for ease of reference.

Paragraph 4 of the resolution “requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report, in consultation with all States and relevant intergovernmental organizations, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council, the Advisory Committee, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and local governments, on effective methods to foster cooperation between local government and local stakeholders for the effective promotion and protection of human rights at their level through local government programmes, including raising awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals, and to indicate the major challenges and best practices in this regard, and to submit the report to the Council prior to its forty-second session.”

In this regard, I would be most grateful to receive from your organisation any relevant information with regard to the preparation of the report, including:

1. Laws, policies and programmes that have been explicitly developed by local authorities to promote and protect human rights.
2. Effective methods to foster cooperation between local government and local stakeholders for the promotion and protection of human rights, including reference to local government programmes.
3. Ways in which local governments raise awareness about, and contribute, to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the New Urban Agenda, including by ensuring participation by local stakeholders.
4. Ways in which local governments are connected with the United Nations human rights system, for example participation in the Universal Periodic Review and the work of the human rights treaty bodies and Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council, and the implementation of their recommendations.

Any information regarding the major challenges and best practices concerning the above would be most welcome.

Please send any information your organisation may wish to provide by 15 February 2019 to: registry@ohchr.org with nandrews@ohchr.org in CC.

To: Civil Society Organisations



Please note that, unless requested otherwise, the information provided will be made available for consultation on the Office's website at www.ohchr.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nathalie Prouvez'.

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