Call for submissions: 2020 Report to the Human Rights Council on combatting glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

**Background**

Beginning in 2012, the General Assembly has adopted annual resolutions mandating the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to produce two reports on combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. As mandated by the resolutions, Special Rapporteur Achiume has presented three reports—two to the Human Rights Council and one to the General Assembly since 2018. In October 2019, she will present to the General Assembly her fourth report, which addresses the resurgence of antisemitism and alarming trends of antisemitic violence, hate crimes, hate speech and other incidents.

For her 2020 report to the Human Rights Council, Special Rapporteur Achiume will focus on mapping how antisemitism intersects with other forms of racism and intolerance. The Special Rapporteur invites interested stakeholders to make written submissions on this topic.

**Thematic Focus: Intersections of Antisemitism with Other Forms of Racism and Intolerance**

Reports and incidents of antisemitism, one of the oldest and most enduring forms of discrimination, continue to surge. Recently, several UN Member States have recorded new annual highs for reports of antisemitic attacks. These record levels appear to comport with individuals’ experiences of discrimination and hate speech; a recent survey from the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights found that nearly 90% of respondents believed that antisemitism was worsening.

Recognizing that the eradication of all forms of racism requires both broad and narrowly-targeted measures, the Special Rapporteur wishes to focus her 2020 report to the Human Rights Council on antisemitism’s intersections and commonalities with other forms of racism and intolerance. The Special Rapporteur hopes that her report on this topic will help affected persons, policymakers, civil society, and other individuals contemplate effective strategies to combat antisemitism and other forms of discrimination on the basis of race, religion, and xenophobia.

**Call for Written Submissions**

The Special Rapporteur believes that wide participation is vital for ensuring the quality and usefulness of her reports. For this reason, she welcomes submissions from stakeholders who can share experience and knowledge that can inform her reports. The Special Rapporteur hopes to receive submissions from, among other stakeholders, States, civil society organizations, private companies, academics, policy researchers, and relevant experts.

For this report, the Special Rapporteur would especially appreciate submissions that provide

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1 The report first will discuss implementation of the General Assembly resolution on combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism, and other racially discriminatory ideologies. After the General Assembly adopts a 2019 version of the resolution, the Special Rapporteur will request Member State input detailing their implementation of the updated resolution.
• descriptions, examples, scholarship, and other accounts describing contemporary manifestations of antisemitism;
• perspectives on how antisemitism relates to other forms of racism and intolerance;
• examples of how broad-based efforts to eliminate racism either alleviate or fail to alleviate manifestations of antisemitism;
• lessons learned (positive and negative) from measures used or attempted to reduce or eliminate other forms of racism and intolerance that can be applicable to antisemitism.
• the effects of online activity (including, inter alia, enabling hate-speech, and assembly of like-minded groups) on manifestation of antisemitism and other forms of racism and intolerance; and
• historical/statistical perspectives on the intersections and correlations between increases and decreases of antisemitic incidents and other forms of racism and intolerance.

Guidelines for Submissions
Please email your written submissions to racism@ohchr.org.

The mandate will receive written submissions through December 13, but strongly encourages early submissions.

Respondents are requested to limit their comments to a maximum of 2,500 words. Additional supporting materials, such as reports, academic studies, and other background materials may be annexed to the submission.

To help her staff identify submissions, the Special Rapporteur kindly requests that respondents write “Submission regarding 2020 report on antisemitism and other forms of intolerance” in the email subject line.

With apologies, the mandate can only receive submissions in English, French, or Spanish.

Secure Submissions
If you have concerns about digital security and your submission, you may wish to contact organizations that can provide you with information and support. One such organization, Access Now, has a free digital security helpline to help keep individuals and organizations safe online. Inquiries can be sent to help@accessnow.org.

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Please indicate in your submission whether we can publish all or part of it on the website of the Special Rapporteur. We will not publish any submissions without the explicit consent of the submitting individual and/or organisation.