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**Mandate of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination
based on sexual orientation and gender identity**

VIRTUAL CONSULTATION ON THE 2021-2023 WORK PLAN

**FOR THE MANDATE OF THE INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON PROTECTION
AGAINST VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL
ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY**

20 November 15:00 – 18:00 CET / 09:00 – 12:00 EST

Zoom Platform

Registration:

<https://harvard.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvfuiqvj0oGNNaSEwXwQEtdzWizi7qPhMv>

CONCEPT NOTE

Purpose

In 2016, through Resolution 32/2, the United Nations Human Rights Council (“HRC”) created the mandate of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity (“IE SOGI”). In June 2019, the HRC renewed the mandate through Resolution 41/18 and in October 2020 it extended Victor Madrigal-Borloz’s tenure for another three years until end-2023.

The IE SOGI is convening an open consultation with State and non-State stakeholders to consolidate the mandate’s approaches and priorities for the remainder of tenure.

This consultation will serve as one of the channels through which the IE SOGI will collect views and inputs to inform the preparation of his work plan for 2021-2023.

Background

See the draft work plan in annex.

Participants and methodology

The consultation is open to States, UN agencies, programmes and funds, regional human rights mechanisms, National Human Rights Institutions, members of civil society organizations, academic institutions, corporate entities, and all other interested

stakeholders. The consultation will be held in English, no interpretation will be made available.

The consultation will start with a general segment during which the IE SOGI will introduce his work plan. Thereafter, participants will be invited to present their views and provide inputs to the discussion.

Guiding questions for the consultation

The following questions may guide the contributions of the participants at the consultation:

- a. are the narratives of impact depicted in the document an adequate portrayal of the mandate's added value?
- b. does the document include all necessary dimensions, principles and approaches necessary to ensure an intersectional, balanced and inclusive programme for the mandate?
- c. are the thematic priorities identified in the document duly reflective of the best added value by the mandate to all stakeholders in their work of addressing violence and discrimination based on SOGI?
- d. as currently planned, are the activities and products an adequate response to the needs of stakeholders? Should different activities and products be considered?
- e. the document includes certain commitments of interacting with global processes (e.g., Beijing + 20). Are there any other global, regional, or local processes the interaction with which should be included in the document as well?

Practical details and contact information

The online consultation will take place through the **Zoom** platform, on **Friday 20 November at 15:00 - 18:00 (CET) / 09:00 – 12:00 (EST)**.

To register, please go to:

<https://harvard.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvfuiqvji0oGNNaSEwXwQEtdzWlzi7qPhMv>

Should you have any questions about this event, or should you wish to share information in writing, please contact the Independent Expert through the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (ie-sogi@ohchr.org, +41 22 917 9327 or +41 22 918 9725).

The following hashtag will be used during the meeting: #IESOGI
