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The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all United Nations Member States, specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations and has the honour to invite them to attend a public consultation organized by the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, Ms. Farida Shaheed, on "The right to artistic freedom".

The consultation will take place in Palais des Nations, Room XXI, on Thursday 6 December 2012, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, with interpretation in English, French and Spanish.

The Special Rapporteur's annual report to the Human Rights Council, to be presented in June 2013, will be devoted to the issue of "The right to artistic freedom". The consultation will complement the questionnaire on artistic freedom which was sent to all stakeholders on 24 October 2012. It will provide an opportunity for States, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, national human rights institutions and other interested stakeholders to share their views.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all United Nations Member States, special red agencies, intergovernmental organizations, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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