**Call for inputs for the preparation of the report of the International Independent Expert Mechanism to advance racial justice and equality in the context of law enforcement, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 47/21**

Pursuant to paragraph 15 of the Human Rights Council Resolution 47/21, the International Independent Expert Mechanism to advance racial justice and equality for Africans and people of African descent in the context of law enforcement (the “Expert Mechanism”) will present its second report at the fifty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council in September 2023, and subsequently transmit it to the General Assembly.

In its upcoming report, the Expert Mechanism will explore its mandate in paragraph 11(f) of resolution 47/21, to advance racial justice and equality for Africans and people of African descent in the context of law enforcement *inter alia* by “Making recommendations with regard to addressing systemic racism, in law enforcement and the criminal justice systems, closing trust deficits, strengthening institutional oversight, adopting alternative and complementary methods to policing and the use of force, and encouraging stocktaking of lessons learned.”

The Expert Mechanism would welcome information on the following areas considering the focus of its report:

* Laws, policies, guidelines, and procedures compliant with the international legal framework governing the use of force and firearms by law enforcement officials.
* Promising initiatives and positive or good practices being taken to address systemic racism in law enforcement and the criminal justice systems beyond individual violations, including in an institutionalized police culture.
* Promising initiatives and positive or good practices on prevention and accountability measures for human rights violations by law enforcement. These may include oversight, monitoring, and reporting of violations, gathering and publishing comprehensive disaggregated data, human rights training, recruitment, and retention processes, and awareness-raising.
* Good practices, challenges and lessons learned on alternative methods of policing, strengthening institutional oversight, and closing trust deficits.

**Process**

Contributions should be sent in Word format by email to: ohchr-emler@un.org by 12 May 2023. Please include hyperlinks to relevant websites, documents, statistical data, public regulations and legislation providing more detailed information. Unless otherwise specified, all contributions will be made available in full and as received on the public website of the Expert Mechanism. It should be noted that not all information shared will necessarily be reflected in the final report and that information falling outside the mandate will not be considered.