

Call for input for the preparation of a comprehensive study on human rights and the social reintegration of persons released from detention and persons subjected to non-custodial measures, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 57/9

Operative paragraph 8 of Human Rights Council resolution 57/9 requests the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) “to prepare a comprehensive study, with practical recommendations, on human rights and the social reintegration of persons released from detention and persons subjected to non-custodial measures, with a view to assessing the benefits of further developing guiding principles,” and to present the study to the Council at its sixtieth session.

Further, operative paragraph 8 of the resolution requests OHCHR to prepare the aforementioned study “based on wide consultations with key stakeholders, including States, United Nations bodies, agencies, funds and programmes, including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the human rights treaty bodies, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, national human rights institutions, human rights defenders, civil society organizations, academia, criminal justice organizations, persons released from detention with lived experience, and survivors of crime.”

Note that preambular paragraph 8 of the resolution stresses that social reintegration “refers to the successful re-entry into society of a person who was subjected to a sanction involving deprivation of liberty or to non-custodial measures, so that the person can lead a law-abiding and self-supporting life with dignity, access to opportunities and enjoyment of human rights, without discrimination of any kind.”

In addition, preambular paragraph 9 of the resolution emphasizes that “the primary goal of the administration of justice with respect to incarceration and non-custodial measures should be the eventual social reintegration of persons subjected to these measures,” and recognizes “the relevance of social reintegration for the full realization of their human rights, as well as for the rule of law, sustainable development and public health and security.”

To inform the preparation of the report, OHCHR would welcome information from States and all relevant stakeholders concerning:¹

1. Examples of legislation, regulations and policies to facilitate social reintegration of persons released from detention or subjected to non-custodial measures.
2. Examples of programmes, including public-private partnerships and other initiatives at the local, national and regional levels, that protect persons released from detention or subjected to non-custodial measures from discrimination and violence and facilitate the social reintegration of such persons.
3. Examples of initiatives to prevent and eliminate discrimination, violence and harassment against persons released from detention and persons subjected to non-custodial measures, to educate the public and to address the negative social norms, stereotypes, stigma, economic and social inequities and systemic racism and discrimination.

¹ See operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 7 of A/HRC/RES/57/9.

4. Relevant data, studies and research on the impact and effectiveness of policies and programmes for combating discrimination, and for respecting, protecting and fulfilling the human rights of persons released from detention or subjected to non-custodial measures.

Process

The report will be presented to the Human Rights Council at its sixtieth session in September - October 2025.

Contributions should not exceed 1,500 words and should be sent in Word or PDF format by email to: ohchr-registry@un.org by 21 March 2025. It is kindly suggested to include hyperlinks to relevant websites, documents and data providing more detailed information. Unless otherwise specified, all contributions will be made available in full and as received on the public OHCHR website.