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Annex I – Methodology

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The report has been prepared on the basis of independent research, an analysis of the relevant submissions to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the International Court of Justice for their respective advisory opinions on climate change, as well as a series of consultations and virtual workshops. In addition, a call for inputs elicited over 110 inputs, including 16 States; all inputs are available at https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/2025/call-inputs-fossil-fuel-based-economy-and-human-rights.

It should be recalled that the Human Rights Council resolution 57/31 of 14 October 2024 requested the Special Rapporteur also to "hold, on an annual basis, consultations on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change, in accordance with the present resolution, Council resolution 48/14 and previous Council resolutions on human rights and climate change, with all relevant stakeholders, particularly those most acutely affected by the adverse impacts of climate change, as well as States, academia, business enterprises and environmental and other human rights defenders, as reflected in the present resolution as appropriate."

Due to the liquidity crisis faced by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN regular budget funds were not available for the Rapporteur to carry out such consultations. UN agencies and civil society partners provided in-kind support to carry out in-person and virtual consultations in preparation for the report, for which the Rapporteur is extremely grateful.

In person-consultations were held in Geneva, Switzerland, in February 2025 with States, and with civil society representatives; in Bangkok, Thailand, in February 2025, with UN agencies, with representatives of bilateral cooperation, and with national and regional civil society representatives. A consultation with academics and civil society was also held in New York, United States of America, in March 2025. Virtual consultations were held with CSOs and NGOs Latin America and the Caribbean; civil society organizations focused on fossil fuels from different regions; and with environmental human rights defenders in Africa.

Virtual workshops to discuss a diverse evidence bases were held on: the phase out of fossil fuels; fossil fuel subsidies; the links between fossil fuels and human health; and the links between plastics and human health.

A virtual consultation with children had been planned with the support of civil society organizations focused on children's human rights but could not be carried out due to budget cuts in the sector.

Finally, the preparation of this report also benefitted from participation in academic and practitioners' conferences, such as the Climate Information Integrity Summit in São Paolo, Brazil, and the Earth Justice Symposium at New York University (both in March 2025).