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Subject: Evaluation of the first phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations at Geneva. On behalf of the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee on Human Rights Education in the School System, composed of 12 United Nations entities and affiliated organizations (OHCHR, ILO, UNESCO/IBE, UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNRWA, UNFPA, UNAIDS, UNDG, UNDPI and World Bank), OHCHR has the honour to refer to Human Rights Council resolution 12/4 on the World Programme for Human Rights Education, adopted on 1 October 2009.

In it, the Human Rights Council reminded Member States of the need to prepare and submit their national evaluation reports on the first phase of the World Programme to the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee on Human Rights Education in the School System by early 2010 (para. 6). It also requested the Coordinating Committee to submit a final evaluation report on the implementation of the first phase of the World Programme, based on national evaluation reports, in cooperation with relevant international, regional and non-governmental organizations, to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session (para. 7).

It is recalled that on 21 April 2004 the Commission on Human Rights decided by resolution 2004/71 that the first phase of the World Programme should focus on the integration of human rights education into the primary and secondary school systems. The first phase was extended until 31 December 2009 by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 6/24 of 28 September 2007.

In accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 12/4 and on behalf of the United Nations Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee, the Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is now enclosing a questionnaire for Governments in order to facilitate the preparation of national reports.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would appreciate receiving Member States' national reports in response to questions contained in the questionnaire. All responses should be sent to OHCHR – Methodology, Education and Training Section (fax: +41 22 917 9008; email: registry@ohchr.org , copy to wphre@ohchr.org) no later than 31 March 2010. Please indicate whether the information received may be made available on the OHCHR website.

The aforementioned questionnaire, all pertinent documentation and other information related to the World Programme for Human Rights Education are available on the OHCHR website at http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/education/training/programme.htm

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Enclosure: Questionnaire to Governments