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To non-governmental organisations

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with regard to the report of the Secretary-General on the question of the death penalty pursuant to decision 18/117 and resolution 22/11 of the Human Rights Council.

In its decision 18/117 adopted on 28 September 2011, the Human Rights Council requested "the Secretary-General to continue to submit to the Human Rights Council, in consultation with Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, a yearly supplement to his quinquennial report on capital punishment and the implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty, paying special attention to the imposition of the death penalty on persons younger than 18 years of age at the time of the offence, on pregnant women and on persons with mental or intellectual disabilities." Furthermore, in its resolution 22/11, adopted on 21 March 2013, the Human Rights Council decided that "the yearly supplement to the quinquennial report of the Secretary-General on the question of the death penalty will continue to inform" on the matter of "the human rights of children of parents sentenced to the death penalty or executed".

Accordingly, OHCHR would be most be grateful to receive any relevant information (maximum 1500 words) <u>covering developments since 1 June 2018</u> with regard to the question of the death penalty, so as to enable the Secretary-General to report to the Human Rights Council at its forty-fifth session, in compliance with the Council's decision 18/117 and resolution 22/11. Such information, preferably in Word format, should be sent no later than 31 March 2020 to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (<u>registry@ohchr.org</u>).

Please note that, unless requested otherwise, the information provided will be made available for consultation on OHCHR's website at www.ohchr.org

Yours sincerely,

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