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To Non-Governmental Organisations

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Subject: Report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the UNGASS joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem with regard to human rights

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with regard to the report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem with regard to human rights pursuant resolution 37/42 of the Human Rights Council (attached).

In its resolution 37/42 adopted on 23 March 2018, the Human Rights Council requests the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report, in consultation with States, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other United Nations agencies, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, on the implementation of the joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem with regard to human rights, and to present it to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-ninth session, and also requests the Office of the High Commissioner to share the report with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, through the appropriate channels, as a contribution to their work in this field and in preparation for the sixty-second session of the Commission.

In this regard, the Office refers to the outcome document of the thirtieth special session of the United Nations General Assembly entitled "Our joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem", adopted by the General Assembly in the annex to its resolution S-30/1 of 19 April 2016.

Accordingly, OHCHR would be most grateful to receive any relevant information (maximum 1500 words) on the implementation of the joint commitment to effectively addressing and countering the world drug problem with regard to human rights, so as to enable the Office to report to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-ninth session, in compliance with the Council's resolution 37/42.

Any relevant information should be sent by 18 May 2018 at the latest either electronically to registry @ohchr.org. (cc. zmahmood@ohchr.org) or by post to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Office at Geneva (c/o Zaved Mahmood), CH 1211 – Geneva 10, Switzerland. The Office will make all submissions publicly available on its website, unless otherwise advised by the contributor.

Yours sincerely,

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