

## CONSULTATION ON PEACEFUL PROTESTS IN CRISIS SITUATIONS

### Global Consultations with NHRIs

#### Agenda 2 – 3 December 2021

- By the UN SR FoAA, in collaboration with GANHRI –

Part 1: 2 Dec 2021 – 12:00-14:00 (Geneva time)	
Timing	Activities
12:00 – 12:15	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction</b></p> <p><b>Opening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GANHRI Representative, Katharina Rose</li> <li>• UN SR FoAA, Clement Voule</li> </ul> <p><b>Methodology of the consultations, Sonya Georgieva Merkova-Peneva</b></p>
12:15 – 13:00	<p><b>Open discussion on Challenges/Restrictions</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Ammar Dwaik, Commissioner General, Independent Human Rights Commission of Palestine</li> <li>- Hanna Machinska, Deputy Ombudsperson, Poland</li> <li>- Anthony O. Ojukwu Esq, Executive Secretary, National Human Rights Commission Nigeria</li> <li>- Branislav Marelic Rokov, Board Member, National Human Rights Institution, Chile (TBC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p>1)What is the impact of the different crisis on the freedom to hold peaceful protests in your country?</p> <p>2)What measures have you witnessed/know of been implemented by authorities to respond to peaceful protests during these crisis</p>

	<p>(i.e. legal and policy restrictions; other restrictions based on security or public health justification/ protest management tactics / other tactics using technologies for surveillance, restrictions on internet etc)?</p> <p><b>Objective: To identify measures by States or other relevant actors that restrict peaceful protests during and as pretext of crisis; and to assess the impact on human rights protection of protesters.</b></p> <p><b>Guiding examples</b> of crisis during which protests are clamped down: COVID-19, political crisis, elections, terrorism, armed conflicts, etc</p>
<p>13:00– 14:00</p>	<p><b>Working groups</b></p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p>1) Identify challenges/restrictions and harmful laws/practices impacting <b>peaceful protests</b> in the different crisis situations (such as due to the use of emergency laws; anti-terrorism laws, protest management tactics, etc)</p> <p>2) Discuss challenges NHRIs face in monitoring, protection and reporting on human rights during protests in crisis situations</p> <p>3) Identify experiences of <b>good/promising practices by the States</b> (if any) to protect human rights during protests in crisis. (including measures to address violations)</p> <p>4) Discuss examples of <b>how protests</b> helped to solve crisis/de-escalated political/social tensions in the country, or contribute to strengthening democracy and human rights.</p> <p>5) Make recommendations on strengthening protection of human rights during protests in crisis (including health, security crisis etc); and on the support to NHRIs to ensure better protection of human rights in these contexts.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-To identify concrete challenges to peaceful protests due to State’s restrictions in each crisis setting</li> <li>-To identify promising examples of practices in protest management/enabling protests during these crisis</li> <li>-To identify examples showing the positive role of protests as a tool to solve crisis, prevent conflict and sustain peace</li> </ul>

	- To make recommendations to improve the work of NHRIs in monitoring and protecting human rights during protests in crisis.
<b>Part 2: 3 Dec 2021 – 12:00-14:00 (Geneva time)</b>	
12:00 – 12:05	<b>Welcoming, recap and objectives of the day</b>
12:05 – 13:05	<b>Group presentations (3 groups)</b>  10 minutes presentation by the NHRIs rapporteurs for each of the break-out groups, and 10 minutes Q&A for each group (20 min per group)
13.05– 13:50	<b>Open discussion – devising practical recommendations to States and NHRIs</b>  <b>Questions:</b>  -What States can/should do differently to protect human rights <b>during protests</b> , when they are facing crisis - What NHRIs can do – based on your experience to better protect human rights during protests in crisis? - What other actors can do to support the work of NHRIs in this regard? - What change do participants want to see that will enable them to monitor and report on human rights violation during protest in the context of crisis safely (given security, health risks)
13:50 – 14:00	<b>Closing remarks and observations</b>