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**Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General
Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action ([A/HRC/51/51](#) and [A/HRC/51/52](#)).**

Mr. President,

We thank the Secretary General for his reports on national human rights institutions (NHRIs) and the activities conducted by GANHRI in accrediting NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles.

We take this opportunity to reiterate our appreciation for the longstanding and strong partnership built with the United Nations through its different agencies. This partnership is essential for the realization of our work to establish, support and connect NHRIS worldwide.

In his report the Secretary General has highlighted a substantive increase in the engagements of NHRIs with UN human rights system. As the global network of NHRIs, we work to support our members worldwide to promote and protect human rights, including through the UN human rights processes.

Independent and strong NHRIs are a crucial and reliable source of information for UN treaty bodies and agencies, and these channels of communications must be protected. NHRIs are essential as well to translate recommendations of universal Human Rights standards, norms, and mechanisms into realities for people on the ground, and have continue to uphold their mandate, despite many constraints during the past year.

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As noted by the Secretary General's report, GANHRI's rigorous, peer-based international accreditation process has allowed for an increased recognition of independent Paris-Principle compliant NHRIs. These institutions, however, are only able to fulfill their broad and unique mandate when receiving adequate resources from member states.

Mr. President,

We take this opportunity to encourage member states that have not yet done so, to increase human rights protection of their national population through the establishment of independent and well-resourced NHRIs.

We call as well on states that already have established a NHRI to strengthen their support and provide a safe environment for the effectiveness of their work – also as a means to accelerating progress under the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

I thank you Mr. President.