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**Item 3**

**Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders - Report 'Success through perseverance and solidarity: 25 years of achievements by human rights defenders'.**

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Mr. President, Madam Special Rapporteur,

GANHRI warmly welcomes the report of the Special Rapporteur, Mary Lawlor.

We are particularly pleased to read the very relevant contributions made by national human rights institutions (NHRIs) and NHRIs regional networks, both in their role as human rights defenders and in that of allies of human rights defenders.

GANHRI wishes to reaffirm its commitment to the protection of the independence of NHRIs that face threats and reprisals for carrying out their work in accordance with their mandates. Thus, we at GANHRI support the Special Rapporteur's call to States and companies to:

- Create a safe and enabling environment for human rights defenders to perform their tasks.
- Celebrate and publicly promote the work and achievements of human rights defenders.

The mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders is essential to the work of NHRIs. GANHRI therefore calls on all States to support the renewal of her mandate, reiterating its full commitment and support for the work of the Special Rapporteur.