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Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment.

Report on current issues and good practices in prison management ([A/HRC/55/52](#))

Mr. President, Madame Special Rapporteur,

The Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) welcomes the report of the Special Rapporteur, Dr. Alice Jill Edwards.

We particularly note the mention of the importance of regular and transparent monitoring by national human rights institutions (NHRIs) to prevent torture, along with the urgent global necessity for prison reform. This report resonates deeply with the resolutions made during the 14th GANHRI International Conference held last November, where NHRIs from all regions reaffirmed their steadfast commitment to preventing and addressing torture and ill-treatment.

We thank the Special Rapporteur for her valuable contribution to the Conference and endorsement of the Kiyv-Copenhagen Outcome Declaration.

Similar to the current report from the Special Rapporteur, this pivotal Declaration underscores the importance of addressing the needs of individuals and groups in situations of vulnerability and sets out a range of concrete measures that NHRIs will take as part of their promotion, prevention and protection work on torture and other ill-treatment.

Madame Special Rapporteur, what specific recommendations would you have for member states in supporting national human rights institutions in the implementation of the Kiyv-Copenhagen Declaration?

As we commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Convention Against Torture this year, we look forward to continuing to work closely with the Special Rapporteur and all members and observers of the Human Rights Council in advancing our collective mission to create a torture free world.

Thank you Mr. President.