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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE AMERICAS

Digital transformation is already impacting the exercise of human rights in the region

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DECISION-MAKING

Artificial intelligence is increasingly used in areas such as justice, security, migration and social services

National Human Rights Institutions highlight the need for:

- Transparency
- Explainability
- Effective human oversight
- Accountability

Where rights are affected, individuals must be able to understand decisions, challenge them and access remedies

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ALGORITHMIC BIAS AND INEQUALITY

AI systems can reproduce and amplify existing structural inequalities

In the Americas, this can disproportionately affect:

- Indigenous peoples
- Afro-descendant population
- Women
- People living in poverty

States must incorporate human rights impact assessments in the design and use of these systems

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PERSONAL DATA AND DIGITAL

The intensive use of data and surveillance technologies —including facial recognition— poses significant risks to:

- The right to privacy
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of assembly

All measures must comply with the principles of legality, necessity and proportionality

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AI, INFORMATION AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES

The use of artificial intelligence in the generation and dissemination of content can:

- Facilitate disinformation
- Amplify hate speech
- Affect the integrity of electoral processes

Appropriate regulatory frameworks and public policies that strengthen digital literacy are required

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INCLUSION AND ACCESS

Digitalisation must not become a barrier to the exercise of rights.

States must ensure that digital services are:

- Accessible
- Inclusive
- Safe
- Affordable

Non-digital alternatives must be maintained to avoid the exclusion of individuals and communities

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THE ROLE OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

NHRIs play a key role in this context:

- Monitoring the use of emerging technologies
- Advising States on regulatory frameworks
- Receiving and processing complaints
- Promoting a human rights-based approach

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INNOVATION MUST RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS

Digital transformation must be guided by international human rights standards

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NANHRI RINADH Réseau des Institutions Nationales Africaines des Droits de l'Homme

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