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Subject: Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and girls

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, on behalf of the Advisory Committee, has the honour to refer to resolution 41/6 adopted by the Human Rights Council on 11 July 2019 entitled “Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and girls”. The advance edited version of the resolution is attached for ease of reference.

In its resolution, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a report, in close cooperation with the Working Group and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, on current levels of representation of women in human rights organs and mechanisms such as the Advisory Committee, the treaty bodies and the special procedures established by the Human Rights Council. The report, to be presented to the Council at its forty-seventh session (March 2021), is to include good practices by States in nominating, electing and appointing candidates to ensure balanced gender representation, in line with the system-wide strategy on gender parity, and recommendations to assist the Council and Member States in this regard.

In this regard, and in accordance with paragraph 17 of the resolution, the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee invites views, inputs and meaningful participation of relevant stakeholders in an inclusive manner, including Member States, international and regional organizations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the special procedures, national human rights institutions, civil society and academic institutions, when preparing the above-mentioned report. Additionally, the Advisory Committee prepared the attached questionnaire on the topic to facilitate the submission of inputs for the report.

The Secretariat of the Advisory Committee would be grateful if any information you wish to provide could be submitted by **15 November 2019** to the following address:

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The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

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