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Statement of Support for the Establishment of the Inter-National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI) Inquiry Mechanism (INIM)

In an increasingly interconnected global community, the protection and promotion of human rights stand as a cornerstone of peace, security, and justice. The universal recognition of human rights is enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and further elaborated in numerous international treaties and conventions, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), among others. Despite these commitments, violations and abuses of human rights persist in many regions, transcending boundaries and often with impunity.

We, the undersigned, express our unequivocal support for the establishment of the INIM dedicated to looking into human rights violations and abuses having cross-border dimensions. This mechanism will serve as a critical tool in the regional effort to uphold human dignity, ensure accountability, and promote justice.

Rationale

The establishment of INIM is essential for several reasons:

1. Transnational Nature of Human Rights Violations and/or Abuses

- Many human rights violations have cross-border implications, necessitating a coordinated international response, which include climate change and environmental degradation, trafficking, refugee crises, issues of statelessness, and persons at risk of statelessness, migration of workers, and transnational repression;
- The disadvantaged, marginalized, and vulnerable populations and communities are disproportionately affected by transboundary human rights violations due to their existing vulnerabilities; and
- To identify systemic issues affecting specific groups or communities, focusing on understanding and addressing the root causes of rights violations.

2. Independent Oversight

- National governmental mechanisms may be hampered by political influences or lack of resources; and
- An international mechanism operated by NHRIs can offer an independent and impartial perspective, bolstering credibility and

trust

3. Regional Solidarity

- Human rights are independent, interrelated, and interconnected; thus, are shared responsibilities that transcend national boundaries.
- Collective action reinforces the commitment of the international community to uphold human rights universally.

The proposed mechanism shall be established under the guidance of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), Asia Pacific Forum (APF), and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), ensuring it operates within the framework of international law and human rights standards and principles. Key components of its operation shall be subsequently and mutually agreed upon by the NHRIs willing to participate through the adoption of a Memorandum of Agreement.

The establishment of the INIM represents significant progress in the regional human rights framework. It reflects a collective commitment of NHRIs to uphold justice, ensure accountability, and the protection of human dignity.

In solidarity,

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