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## Human Rights Council

### Forty-eighth session

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Agenda items 2 and 3

### Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development**

## Freedom of opinion and expression

### Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 44/12 on freedom of opinion and expression, the Human Rights Council requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report on good practices for establishing national normative frameworks that foster access to information held by public entities, and also requested the Office of the High Commissioner, in the preparation of the report, to seek the views of States, non-governmental organizations, national human rights institutions and other relevant stakeholders, including the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, and to submit it to the Council at its forty-seventh session.
2. At the forty-seventh session of the Council, the Office of the High Commissioner informed the Council that, in the light of the ongoing financial constraints faced by the Organization, it had not been in a position to implement that mandate within the deadline. As the financial constraints facing the Office have persisted in 2021, it is unable to implement the mandate within the deadline for the forty-eighth session. It aims to submit the report to the Council at its forty-ninth session, as the financial situation permits.

