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

Safety of journalists

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 45/18 on the safety of journalists, the Human Rights Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to present to the Council at its forty-eighth session a report on the impact and repercussions of measures taken by Governments in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the safety and work of journalists and media workers, integrating a gender perspective, and to identify trends and collect good practices, in particular on how the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, within its mandate and working with other relevant United Nations entities, could assist, when requested, in the development of national approaches to protect journalists.

2. In the light of the ongoing financial constraints faced by the Organization, the High Commissioner is unable to submit the report within the deadline for the forty-eighth session. She aims to submit the report to the Council at its forty-ninth session, as the financial situation permits.

