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### HRC 39 | COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON NHRIS, INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Members of the United Nations Human Rights Council today adopted the Australia-led resolution on national human rights institutions (NHRIs) by consensus.

GANHRI warmly welcomes the adoption of the resolution, which enjoys broad cross regional co-sponsorship of more than 70 States worldwide.

The resolution:

- Acknowledges the contributions of NHRIs in fostering the establishment and maintenance of inclusive societies and in doing so, contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;
- Calls on States to establish effective, independent and pluralistic NHRIs in accordance with the Paris Principles or, where they already exist, to strengthen them to enable the effective fulfilment of their mandate, and stresses the importance of NHRIs' financial and administrative independence;
- Welcomes the participation of NHRIs UN system-wide and calls on those mechanisms that have not yet done so to strengthen the participation of NHRIs in their work; and
- Encourages greater efforts to investigate and respond to increasing cases of reprisals against NHRIs, whilst stressing that NHRIs should not face any form of reprisal or intimidation and that any such cases should be investigated by states and perpetrators brought to justice.



The resolution also requests OHCHR to convene, in consultation with GANHRI and on the margins of its next annual meeting, in March 2019, a half-day consultation to exchange with and among NHRIs experiences and practices in

working to support the establishment and maintenance of inclusive societies and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

“The resolution is an important acknowledgment of the contributions that NHRIs have in realizing human rights for all, which helps implementing the Sustainable Development Agenda. We thank Australia for their leadership and support, and the many member states in all regions that have co-sponsored the resolution. GANHRI looks forward to working with all States, civil society and partners, in implementing the resolution”, said the GANHRI Chairperson, Prof Dr Beate Rudolf.