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**Subject: Invitation to multi-Stakeholder consultation on access to remedy in the tech sector, 23-24 September 2021**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva and wishes to send this invitation for a multi-stakeholder consultation regarding the OHCHR Accountability and Remedy Project (ARP).

In [resolution 44/15](#), the Human Rights Council welcomed the work of OHCHR on improving accountability and access to remedy for victims of business-related human rights abuse, and noted with appreciation the report on improving accountability and access to remedy for victims of business-related human rights abuse through non-State-based grievance mechanisms (A/HRC/44/32 and Add.1). The Human Rights Council further requested OHCHR to continue its work in this area, and to convene consultations to discuss challenges, good practices and lessons learned in enhancing access to remedy for victims of business-related human rights abuse.

In the context of that resolution, OHCHR will organize a **two-day consultation on 23-24 September 2021 on the challenges involved in seeking and delivering remedies for harms connected to the technology sector, and practical ways to address them**. The consultation will reflect and benefit from, the complementary between the Accountability and Remedy Project and a project led by OHCHR focused on implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the tech-sector, the [B-Tech Project](#). Please see the attached draft concept note and agenda for some preliminary details of the consultation. The final version will be uploaded on both the [ARP](#) and [B-Tech portals](#) ahead of the consultation.

The two-day consultation will take place in a hybrid format, with in-person participation in room XVIII of the Palais des Nations, and online participation via the Zoom platform. Interpretation will be available in English, Spanish and French. Registration through Indico is mandatory for all participants (both in-person participants and participants joining remotely) at <https://indico.un.org/event/34938/>.

Given the technical legal nature of the consultation topic, the OHCHR encourages participation of State representatives with legal expertise on the issue from relevant Government departments of ministries, and/or legal practitioners who have experience working at the intersection of business, technology and human rights. The format for the consultation will be interactive; thus, the use of written statements is discouraged.

For any further details, please contact the Secretariat by phone at +41 22 917 9104 or by email at [business-access2remedy@un.org](mailto:business-access2remedy@un.org).

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of the opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration to all Permanent Missions and Observer Missions to the United Nations Office.

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Attachments: Draft concept note and agenda

