

## **Oral Statement**

### **49th Session of the Human Rights Council**

#### **ITEM 3 General Debate**

#### **‘A call to action: submit the midterm report for the Fourth Phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education’**

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Madam President

I speak on behalf of 16 organizations within the NGO Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning.

We welcome the report of the ‘Panel discussion on the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training: good practices, challenges and the way forward’. Notably, in relation to strengthening human rights education and training for youth.

Recognizing that “the promotion and protection of human rights and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda are interrelated and mutually reinforcing,”<sup>1</sup> - regional and international cooperation is essential in order to build on good practice and maximize resources.

By adopting the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Education and Training, Member States had delivered a strong message that human rights education and training were a priority for the international community and for all States. Therefore, our working group wants to remind member states to review progress in the national implementation of human rights education and training, by submitting their mid term reports on the fourth phase of the World Programme, to OHCHR, to share the collective responsibility for HREL.

Lastly, we call on the incoming Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education, in June, to focus on Human Rights Education and to engage meaningfully with young people, as they are the “leaders and key partners in designing and conducting human rights education” efforts.

Thank you