Subject: New and emerging digital technologies and human rights

 The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, on behalf of the Advisory Committee, has the honour to refer to resolution 41/11 of 11 July 2019 of the Human Rights Council entitled “New and emerging digital technologies and human rights”. The advance edited version of the resolution is attached for ease of reference.

 In its resolution, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to prepare a report, from within existing resources, on the possible impacts, opportunities and challenges of new and emerging digital technologies with regard to the promotion and protection of human rights, including mapping of relevant existing initiatives by the United Nations and recommendations on how human rights opportunities, challenges and gaps arising from new and emerging digital technologies could be addressed by the Human Rights Council and its special procedures and subsidiary bodies in a holistic, inclusive and pragmatic manner, and to present the report to the Council at its forty-seventh session.

 In this regard, the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee invites inputs from Member States and other stakeholders, including international organizations, national human rights institutions, non-governmental organizations, private sector, technical community and academic institutions on new and emerging digital technologies and human rights. In addition, the Advisory Committee prepared the attached questionnaire on the topic to facilitate the submission of inputs for the report.

 The Secretariat of the Advisory Committee would be grateful if any information you wish to provide could be submitted by **15 October 2019** to the following address:

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 The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

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